

# St. Paul's Newsletter April 2017



## **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 - Thursday at 7:00 PM

## **CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION**

*Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

## **PALM CROSS MAKING**

*Friday, April 7, 1 - 3 PM in Wilkinson Hall*

## **GOOD FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER**

*Friday, April 14, 7:30 AM in the Chapel*

## **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

*Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 PM*

*in the purple class room*

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

***SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017***



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S

April 9 – April 16, 2017

### **Palm Sunday** – April 9

8:00 AM Blessing of the Palms, Dramatic Reading of the Passion & Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Adult Forum

9:15 AM Church School

9:30 AM Palm Procession, with Dramatic Reading of the Passion & Choral Holy Eucharist  
(*Child care at both services.*)

### **Holy Wednesday** - April 12

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae

### **Maundy Thursday** - April 13

6:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Stripping of the Altar. Please bring soup to share; make your reservation by signing up at church or call the parish office at 203-269-5050 or e-mail to [stpaulswallingford@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswallingford@gmail.com). *Also consider bringing food stuffs for Master's Manna.*

8:00 PM – 7:00 AM Good Friday – Night Watch Prayer Vigil – please sign up for an hour or two; call the parish office at 203-269-5050 or e-mail [stpaulswallingford@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswallingford@gmail.com) to reserve your time.

### **Good Friday** – April 14

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

1:00 - 2:00 PM "Palms and Stories" for kids of all ages  
(Main Street entrance)

7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy, Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story, Veneration of the Cross

### **Holy Saturday** - April 15

9:00 AM Rehearsal for all Vigil participants

7:00 PM Easter Vigil & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist of Easter

### **The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday**- April 16

6:00 AM Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Ashlar Village Pavillion

8:00 AM Festive Eucharist with Hymns  
(No Church School or Adult Forum)

9:30 AM Festive Choral Eucharist  
Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 AM service  
(*Child Care at both services.*)

## **Vestry Update for March 2017**

Our March meeting was postponed a week due to the snow storm, but we got a lot accomplished.

The minutes from February's meeting and the treasurer's report for February were reviewed and approved as submitted. Also approved with minor changes was the Parochial Report for 2016 that will be submitted to ECCT. Vestry orientation continued with a discussion of safe church training. Members from last year and those elected for this year will need to complete the training this year.

Dee Anne reported that Ashes To Go was a resounding success this year. People went out of their way to stop for ashes. Attendance at the 3 Ash Wednesday services was not affected. Cards with contact information were distributed to those who requested additional information about St. Paul's. Based on Lenten feedback so far we are looking at ways to keep the church open other than on Wednesdays, as well as developing a pamphlet on the architectural history and characteristics of the church and parish hall.

The Vestry will be holding a mini-retreat at the Hub Cap on Center Street the afternoon of Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. A report on the topics discussed and initiatives for this year will be published in next month's Vestry update.

Updates were provided from liaisons to the following committees:

**Christian Formation:** An offer was made for the Director of Religious Education (DRE) position but the candidate declined at the last minute. Kristen Liu reported that we are struggling to get kids to attend and it's very frustrating for the teachers who volunteer their time to put the lessons together. Kristen and Raneeb Bibisi will finish out the school year as co-DREs as we regroup to find a permanent DRE.

**Technology/Sound/Communication:** An audit of the sound system in the Sanctuary and Wilkinson Hall was performed.

Adjustments were made to both systems and a recommendation was made to purchase and install a piece of equipment to regulate feedback. This will be obtained and installed in the next few weeks. Wi-Fi capability was also installed in the Sanctuary.

**Thrift Shop:** we discussed the need for new volunteers and we continue to look for 1-2 people to take over the duties performed by our departing director. We also discussed developing by-laws and setting up a committee similar to Sacred Trust. The committee would be comprised of people elected from the congregation each year as well as representatives from the group of volunteers who keep the Thrift Shop running.

**Sacred Trust:** Carol Ireland was elected chairman at the meeting in early March. Two applications for Nicaragua and a floor polisher were presented and approved by the Vestry. The Vestry also approved allocating \$10,000 of the unallocated funds from 2016 toward this year's Nicaragua trip. The remaining unallocated funds from last year (~\$13,000) will be split evenly between the Sacred Trust Committee and the Major Property Account

Your wardens,  
Chuck Maynard & Gene Gervais



### LAWN MOWERS NEEDED!

Winter is over (I promise) and now our thoughts turn to lawn mowing. I've already had two people volunteer to help, but we need several more to round out the crew. If you would like to be one of the select few who share in this task, call Bob Mansfield at (203) 269-2719 or call the office. The list will be published early in May, so please let me know.

Bob Mansfield  
Property Committee Chairman

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9:30 AM service Easter morning. Have a great time!

**Church Open for Prayer & Reflection Mondays through Saturday 10 AM - 1 PM** - Due to this being so well-received, we'll be continuing to keep the doors open for additional days after Easter. Please see Gene Gervais ([rggervais50@gmail.com](mailto:rggervais50@gmail.com)) or (203-314-9368) if you can help to host.



## **GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

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 next meeting is **Tuesday, April 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the purple room. See you all soon!!

Karen Rowe, Branch Advisor & Jane Smith, Leader

## **Adult Forum – *Speaking Christian***

There are many words we use regularly as a part of our Christian faith, words such as "faith," "sin," "grace," "heaven," "salvation," and more. What do we mean when we use these words? Have these words lost their power, as theologian Marcus Borg claimed? This spring in the Adult Forum, we will read and discuss Borg's book, *Speaking Christian*, that explores these terms and many more in an effort to reinterpret and restore their rich meaning and to enhance and deepen our faith. The Adult Forum meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Wilkinson. Please contact Amy Foster at [afoster@choate.edu](mailto:afoster@choate.edu) or 203-697-2728 with any questions.



## EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to have Easter Flowers as a memorial for a loved one, please have the names you want remembered, and contributions (checks payable to St. Paul's Memorial Flower fund) in to the Parish Office by April 9th.

**St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee** -- The next meeting of the St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee will be June 11, 2017. In addition to In-reach and Outreach requests, the Committee will review college student Honorarium Requests. All requests should be submitted to the parish office no later than May 28, 2017. If you have any questions please contact the parish office or Carole Ireland at 203-988-7405.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: Easter Vigil (April 15, 2017) and Pentecost (June 4, 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).

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Rice & Beans Dinner to benefit Nicaragua Service Trip!**  
**Saturday, May 13th, 6 pm!**

## St. Paul's Thrift Shop News

By the time you read this, we will have bid farewell to Alesia Bauer our hardworking Director of the Thrift Shop. During her tenure, Alesia made many upgrades and improvements in the shop, the most noticeable being the complete repainting and carpeting of the shop this past summer. We wish her well in future endeavors as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Her departure leaves us looking for some volunteers, **male or female**, for the following:

1. A "tech savvy" person to take over publicity via Facebook page and e-mail sale information to the Advisor. These jobs can be done at your leisure at home.
2. Scheduling of those who work in the shop. Again, this can be done at home in your time frame.
3. The **MOST IMPORTANT** job, multiple volunteers, male and/or female, husbands & wives, friends & neighbors to work 3 hour shifts in the shop.

**FYI** : The Thrift Shop generates OVER \$10,000.00 in revenue per year for St. Paul's general fund. If our parishioners do not volunteer to help out, this source of revenue will dry up as the shop will not be able to operate. How will this shortfall be made up?? Let's all pitch in and keep this wonderful source of community outreach and revenue **OPEN!**

To volunteer for any of these opportunities or more information contact Jane Smith, [jbunth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbunth@sbcglobal.net), 203-265-4846 OR the church office.

Thank you in advance.

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

**St. Paul's Annual Shrove Tuesday** pancake supper was another huge success this year. I wish to thank all those that came out that night to support this event. I wish to also thank those that donated supplies that helped defray costs. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event go directly towards the Nicaraguan service trip this summer. Lastly, a BIG thank you to those that volunteered to help cook, serve, collect money at the door, set up and clean up. This could not happen without all of you!

*Sincerely, Bill Merrick*

**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.

***St. Paul's Recycles!***

You may have noticed more recycling bins with signs on them around the church and parish hall! The agreement with our new trash company, All Waste, comes with single stream recycling. Please help be good stewards of God's earth by placing all recyclable items – **all types of paper, plastic containers #1 – 7, glass, cans, cardboard** – into the containers, making sure to rinse out all containers before recycling. Thank you for helping in this important effort.

**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**

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

The telephone number is (203) 269-5050.

E-mail – [stpaulsepiscopal@snet.net](mailto:stpaulsepiscopal@snet.net)

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