

St. Paul's Newsletter MAY 2016



MAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM

Vestry – 2nd 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

Church Open for Prayer & Reflection

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee

In-reach, Outreach and Honorariums due by May 8

Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, May 15

Wear Red to Church!

Day of Caring at Chrysalis

Saturday, May 21 from 8 AM - 12 PM

Nicaragua Fundraiser Rice & Bean Dinner

Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 PM

Camp Washington Open House

Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 PM

Camp Washington "Camperships" Available

Contact for information by Sunday, May 29

Graduation Time is Approaching

Send names of graduates by Sunday, June 12

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Dear Companions in Christ,

Here's an excerpt from the Community Celebration Concert in honor of our 275th Anniversary. Do you recognize the parish it describes?

"We remain committed to our motto, 'In this church there will be no outcasts.' We have worked to strengthen our parish programs and extend our ministries beyond our walls. We have kept beloved traditions -- our Mile High Apple Pies are famous in this town -- while at the same time we have changed as the needs of our community have changed.

We adjusted our Sunday schedule to be more flexible. We have a growing presence on social media, even as we open up the church for prayer and reflection. We offer "Ashes to Go" on the streets of Wallingford, and hold traditional Ash Wednesday and other liturgies in the church. We participate in Celebrate Wallingford, the Garden Market and other civic events. We volunteer at the Emergency Shelter, collect food for Master's Manna and support Covenant to Care. We encourage our young people in Church School and the Girl's Friendly Society to lead us in reaching out in various service projects. We have an annual service trip to Nicaragua to help construct vital water and sanitation projects. And, we support one another to serve Christ in others in our daily lives.

At our festive anniversary service with Bishop Ahrens, we will praise God in our worship and then process out into Main Street to cheer on participants in the Autism Awareness Walk, before enjoying one another's company at a reception in Wilkinson Hall.

In all these things and more, we heed our current Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's charge to "go where the people are."

Throughout our history, St. Paul's has faced changes and challenges, and our leaders have reminded us to participate in God's mission to love and serve others, no matter who

they are. We have been inspired to be more loving, more welcoming, more compassionate -- more like Jesus -- as we seek to break down the barriers that divide us. As our namesake, Paul, wrote two thousand years ago, 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus'"

How would *you* describe St. Paul's today? I'm eager, as always, to hear your ideas.

Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Future,
Dee Anne+

Vestry Update

Our April Vestry meeting was a bit shortened due to scheduling conflicts that several Vestry members had that evening. Much of our work at that meeting focused on financial and staffing issues. We approved the Parochial Report prepared by our parish secretary, Debi Page, and our treasurer, Ted Hartsoe. In addition, we reached a decision to hire Bobby Gervais as our sexton for a six-month probationary period—we have been pleased with his hard work! Beyond this business, we heard updates about the upcoming events in honor of our 275th Anniversary—this is a busy and exciting time for our parish!

As we look ahead to next month's meeting, we plan to review many of the ideas that we generated at our retreat earlier in the year. The brainstorming we engaged in on our retreat will help us set priorities for the parish as we continue through our anniversary year and beyond. If you have thoughts regarding priorities, we hope you will share them with us or with any Vestry member.

Your wardens,

Amy Foster and Chuck Maynard

Property Committee Report

The Property Committee has been **CHERISHING THE PAST** by trying to honor those who went before us and left us with this magnificent building by making extensive repairs and maintenance during the past year. The list includes, but is not limited to:

Installing a new gas fired furnace which has saved us many dollars during the past heating season. (Rite Temp Heating and Cooling.)

Repairing plaster, caulking, and painting the sanctuary, replacing all spot light bulbs with LED bulbs. (From very tall ladders.) (Stevenson Services)

Repair and re-finish the floor in St. Luke's Chapel in honor of Donald Smith. (Finest Floors.)

A complete re-furbishing of the "Common Room" in the Simpson Building, complements of Jane Smith and Tim and Karen Rowe. (Pine Glen Builders)

Painting and re-furbishing of the ladies room and the two handicapped bathrooms by Lois Olesen and Wendy Oestreicher.

Stripping and finishing the kitchen floor by Gene Gervais and the sexton, Bob Gervais.

Installing new doors on the chair storage closet. Painting Wilkinson Hall (Chuck Maynard, Lois Olesen)

Replacing severely cracked soil pipe from the third floor.

These are some of the more exotic projects which have been undertaken. In addition we can add the more mundane tasks that go on year after year. Mowing the lawn, changing burned out light bulbs, oiling heat exchangers, keeping the grounds neat and tidy all take many hands and the people who do this are un-named heroes.

The hope is that all of this work will help us to **CELEBRATE THE FUTURE** in a clean and fuel efficient building.

St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee: The next meeting of the St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee will be May 15, 2016. 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 8, 2016**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, May 15!

Also, if you can help *read the gospel in a different language at either service*, please contact the Rector.

Participate with the Day of Caring at Chrysalis

Our deanery has planned a Day of Caring at Chrysalis in Meriden, a center for domestic violence serving victims in Wallingford and neighboring towns. Details to follow, but mark your calendar for Saturday, May 21, from 8am - 12pm. Work in previous years ranged from painting to weeding, and those that have participated before found it very rewarding. If you're interested, please reach out to Kristin Liu.

Nicaragua Fund Raiser!

Rice & Beans Dinner to benefit St. Paul's work trip to Nicaragua; **May 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM**. Great food (with George Swenson's famous rice and beans too), great entertainment (featuring the Mariachi Academy with Dancers!), silent auction and more!



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

Camp Washington Open House

Whether you are new to Camp Washington, or you've been a part of our family for years, we welcome you to join us for a lovely afternoon at Our Place in Morris. Sunday afternoon May 22 at 3:00 p.m. Welcome, Program Overview and Camp Tours and 4:30 p.m. Eucharist followed by Cookout. Camp Washington - Our Place in Morris, 190 Kenyon Rd., Lakeside. Registration is required. Please RSVP by calling 860-567-9623.

Camp Washington "Camperships" available!

We're happy to offer financial help to make it possible for children in the parish to attend our Diocesan Summer Camp. If you are interested, please contact the Rector with information regarding the dates of the program which interests your family. All queries must be in by Sunday, May 29. For more information, go to campwashington.org.

Graduation Time is Approaching!

Please send in the names of the graduates in your family (and dates of graduation, plus any education or work plans) by Sunday, June 12 so they may be included in our prayers and be recognized in church on Sunday June 19.

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

The Thrift Shop is starting to plan a summer renovation to celebrate its 30th Anniversary and will be looking for volunteers! We need packers, painters & carpenters and then several people to put together the store again. Please watch for further details and contact Alesia Manicone if interested. This is a great resource for our church and a wonderful community outreach source! This can also be counted for high school volunteer hours!!!

The shop is in need of clean linens/towels and household decor (wreaths, pictures, knickknacks). Donations can be dropped off Monday's 9 AM to 12 PM or Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Thanks all for your continued support!



Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: All Saints' Sunday (November 6, 2016, and Baptism of Jesus (January 8, 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.

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



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.

Times for St. Paul's Sunday Service
Comcast Cable Channel 18
Frontier Channel 99
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.

**PASTORS OF
THE EARLY YEARS**

Rev. Camp left St. Paul's in June, 1760, and in the S.P.G.'s report for 1761 there is mention of a "deserving young man" who had been "... received into the Society's services as missionary to the people in Wallingford, Cheshire, North Haven, and Meriden, who have jointly contracted to raise fifty pounds sterling per annum, with a house and glebe of fourteen acres of land for his further accommodations."

The "deserving young man" was the Rev. Samuel Andrews who had graduated from Yale in 1759, gone to England for ordination, and returned to Wallingford in January, 1762. Arrangements were made for him to spend a proportionable amount of time in Meriden, Cheshire, and Wallingford. Over the years his growing reputation brought demands for his services. For example, he preached at the dedication of Christ Church in Watertown Connecticut. In 1770 the three churches had a combined membership of 114 families and 164 communicants. Rev. Andrews had baptized 271.

As the movement for revolt or even independence grew, opinion turned bitterly against the church. Its clergy and people of the Anglican Church represented the hated party - the Tories. And the fact that part of the minister's salaries came from England did not help. "Parson" Andrews was placed under house arrest the very day after he had pronounced the benediction at a dinner for General Washington. He had to remain in his parish and could call on his parishioners only with the consent of the Vigilance Committee.

When the war ended, the S.P.G. stopped paying the missionaries in this country. St Paul's could no longer support him, and in 1785 or 1786 he moved to New Brunswick, Canada. He took the Royal Coat of Arms which had graced St Paul's for many years with him. He established St. Andrew's Church and served as it's pastor until his death in 1818.

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.