

**St. Paul's
Newsletter
July/August
2016**



JULY/AUGUST AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM
Vestry – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM (not in August)

Church Open for Prayer & Reflection

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Summer Book Group

"When Breath Becomes Air"

See Rector for more information

Thrift Shop News

Work dates: 7/16 - 9 AM - Noon

7/25 - 6 - 9 PM

No donations accepted in July

275th Anniversary Meeting

Tuesday, July 19 - 7:00 PM

Gardener's Market

Saturday, August 6

Saturday, September 10

Free Concert & Comedy

Sunday, August 14th at 4:00 PM

at St. Paul's Wallingford

Sacred Trust Committee

*In-reach & Outreach requests must be
turn in to the parish office no later than*

August 18

Ingathering Sunday

September 11 with

*one combined service at 9:30 AM
followed by a potluck parish picnic.*

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Dear Companions in Christ,

I find myself writing this during a particularly troubling and, frankly, exhausting, period in our nation and our world. I trust that you too have commended to your prayers the mass shooting in the LGBT club in Orlando . . . the terrorist attack at the Istanbul airport . . . the uncertainty of the surprise Brexit vote in the UK . . . the marathon of our vitriolic presidential campaign . . . and, hitting close to home for me, the historic floods in West Virginia . . . to name just a few.

At the same time, it's summer -- a time to get outdoors and enjoy God's green earth.

The confluence of all this reminded me of a poem Nancy Harrington brought to the Vestry Retreat a few months ago. See if it speaks to you and offers some perspective.

The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I awake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Wishing you the peace of wild things, this summer and always.

Faithfully,
Dee Anne +

Vestry Update

Now that the dust has settled from the excitement of our several successful anniversary events and our visits from Bishop Ahrens (yes, visits—she returned a few weeks after the confirmation service to meet with the Vestry), the Vestry had a chance in June to reflect on our priorities. At our retreat earlier in the year, we had brainstormed “challenges” for our parish, and at the June meeting we identified which of those challenges we are eager to tackle first. Of course, one of those challenges is to do more to understand the needs of our wider community, which will likely lead to more ideas for us to consider! As a part of this process, at our July meeting we will be taking Bishop Ahrens’ advice and will walk, two by two, in different directions from the church in order to observe and consider elements in our neighborhood that might need attention. And what else do we feel is important to address sooner rather than later? Here’s our list so far:

- Senior concerns: ride-sharing, large print materials, services in convalescent homes, expand Lay Eucharistic Visitors.
- Teen/young adult involvement - maybe connect with other parishes
- Continue to improve our web presence
- Stewardship program
- Increase the number of parishioners with know-how of physical plant, including the sound system
- Grow existing events - find new ways to welcome people
- Build relationships between older and younger members of our community.
- Update parish directory

Do you have ideas that might address some of these priorities? Don’t be shy! Let any member of the Vestry know.

Beyond our discussion of priorities, we had plenty of other business to attend to, including approving the recommendations of the Sacred Trust Committee and hearing reports from several other groups. As always,

if you have questions or suggestions for the Vestry, don't hesitate to let us know.

Your Wardens, Amy Foster and Chuck Maynard

Summer Book Group begins - This year's book is the New York Times bestseller "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. We offer two different sessions; please choose the time that fits your schedule: Wednesday, July 13 at 12 noon at church in the purple classroom OR Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 hosted by Trudy Brady (272 South Main Street). Please read through page 67. (Note: We have one book left if you're still interested. Cost is \$15 made out to St. Paul's earmarked "summer book".)

Thrift Shop News

We are so excited to put our best foot forward! Please consider helping us in our renovation efforts.

NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY!

Wednesday, July, 13: 6:00 - 9:00 pm - Interior Pain Night!

Saturday, July 16: 9:00 am - Noon - Replace/Install Wall fixtures/shelving back into shop

Monday, July 25: 6:00 - 9:00 pm - Replace Floor Fixtures & start moving merchandise back into store.

Thank you all for your support!

275th Anniversary Meeting - July 19 at 7:00 PM!



Nicaragua Service Trip (July 30, 2016 – August 7, 2016) – Please

keep our St. Paul's ambassadors in your prayers as they prepare for their trip to Nicaragua. 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.

Gardeners' Market

Volunteers are needed to help at the St Paul's booth at the Wallingford Gardeners' Market, near the railroad station, on Saturday, August 6 and 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!

Concert & Comedy!

On Sunday, August 14th, at 4:00 P.M. St. Paul's will be having another fun anniversary event. Entertainer Brian Gillie is a local performer from Guilford who sings, plays piano and interacts with the audience, focusing on the music and news of Doo-Wop, Hollywood, Broadway, Swing Era & Blues, Boogie Woogie, Ragtime, Jazz, and Rock & Roll. This is a **free concert** thanks to the 275th Anniversary of St. Paul's. Come join us on August 14 at 4:00 PM! Contact Nancy Jermine for more information.

* Brian is a fulltime, performance educator with CT Arts For Learning and Ct Commission on Arts and Tourism.

Sacred Trust Meeting

The next meeting of the Sacred Trust Committee will be August 28, 2016. Please submit all In-reach and Outreach requests for the committee's consideration to the parish office no later than August 18, 2016. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded for inclusion on the Vestry's September meeting agenda.

Ingathering: Sunday, September 11

Save this date for a combined 9:30 service followed by a potluck parish picnic. In addition to music, games and other events, we'll also remember the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11. *Lots of good reasons to be together supporting one another as we kick off a new year of love and service.*

Summer Coffee (or ice tea or lemonade...) Hour

Lots of things get more casual during the summer, including Coffee Hour -- really, just an excuse to gather in air conditioned Wilkinson Hall to visit over light refreshments after the 9:30 service. There's no formal rotation, just a sign-up sheet for folks to take turns. Ice tea or lemonade is just fine; making coffee strictly optional! Please sign up on the "lemonade yellow" list posted on the easel at church or contact the Rector.

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!

Community Celebration

Anyone who wishes to share their photographs of the 275th celebrations, please contact Donna Regan. A collection of photographs for the event is being made and all photographs are welcome.

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

(The dates for pie making in advance of the fair have not yet been set. Please check the September Newsletter for those details.)



Thanks be to God! St. Paul's Graduates - 2016

Katelyn Elizabeth Earley, daughter of Beth & Steve Earley, graduated on Friday, June 17th from Sheehan High School and will be attending Lesley University in the College of Art & Design in Cambridge, MA in the fall.

Alicia Eldridge, daughter of Ramona Eldridge and Steve Eldridge, graduated on Friday, June 17th from Sheehan High School and will be attending Sacred Heart University to study athletic training. Extra activities are dance company, color guard in the marching band and will participate in the Rockettes Summer intensive in NYC.

Mary Foster, daughter of Amy & Tom Foster, graduated from Columbia University with a Master's in Sustainability Management.

Adam Michael Manicone, son of Santo & Alesia Manicone, graduated on Friday, June 17th from Sheehan High School and will be attending the University of New Haven as a Fire Science Major in the fall.

Alyssa Merrick, daughter of Lynn & Bill Merrick, graduated May 8 from the University of Connecticut with a Master's degree in Social Work. She is currently seeking employment.

Taylor Nardi, daughter of Kim & Ralph Nardi, graduated on May 7th from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and majored in Psychology with a concentration in Human Services. She is now working as a ABA Therapist working with children with Autism in a preschool setting. She will be attending Western Connecticut State University in the fall to obtain her Master's Degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis.

More St. Paul's Graduates - 2016.....

Joseph Ricci, grandson of Trudy Brady, graduated on Sunday, May 29th from Notre Dame High School in West Haven and will attend Southern Connecticut State University in the fall.

Madelyn Severson, daughter of Tina & Ron Severson, graduated on Friday, June 17th from Sheehan High School and will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall, majoring in Biology.

Alexander Wyskiel, grandson of Jane Smith and nephew of Andrew & Susan Bravo, graduated on Saturday, May 28th from Xavier High School and will be attending the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT in the fall.

ST. PAUL'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

As many of you know, Jeanette Davis, Director of St. Paul's Nursery School, has retired after 24 years of service to the families in our community. Thankfully, Jeanette is not moving away from Wallingford and will be lending a hand at the Nursery School to help with the transition.

Jeanette is being replaced by Anne Sweeney. Anne has been involved with the Nursery School for at least six years, first as a parent, then as driver of the van, and finally as Head Teacher. We who know Anne

are thrilled that she will be taking over Jeanette's role as Director and feel confident that she will do a wonderful job.

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.

Church School News:

Take (Flat) Jesus With You This Summer!

Happy summer! I hope you are all enjoying the sunny and warm days with family and friends!

If you received a "Take out Church" box, here is a gentle reminder to please take advantage of this wonderful kit. If you haven't received a "Take out Church" kit, there are still some in the purple room.

I would love to see Flat Jesus go places this summer...even if he's just at home hanging out with you and your family. Please post on the St. Paul's Facebook page or email me to let me know where your Jesus has gone and I can post it for you!

Also, please note that our church school children have been challenged to complete a cumulative 275 random acts of kindness before our ingathering on September 11th. There will be a fabulous reward if they reach their goal. Please make sure you record your acts so we can tally them up at the ingathering.

Thanks so much and please take Jesus with you this summer!

P.S. There are a few "take out church" pizza boxes full of fun activities - including Flat Jesus himself, plus forms for recording "random acts of kindness" -- still available. Please ask the next time you're at church. Have fun with it!

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.



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.

275th Anniversary

Taking a break from our "Ministers of the Past", this month will answer some questions which have been raised about the 1965 Time Capsule. Why was the capsule installed a year before the 225th anniversary celebration? It is interesting, but the timing probably had to do with the installation of the new Holtkamp organ.

From the January 1965 St. Paul's Churchman "The Curate's Column":

"On January 17, 1965 the Junior Y.P.F.(young people's fellowship) placed a "Time capsule" behind the wall being constructed for the new organ." The article goes on to enumerate the reasons for making the capsule and then listing the contents.

Included were: "Public Affairs: article and picture of Khrushkev's ouster, President Johnson's election, a Wallingford POST, and a Morning RECORD, and a map of the city. Culture: A TV Guide, mementoes of the World's Fair, a comic book, a Beatle record, a Troll doll. Science: Article on a moon trip, model of a 1965 car, a list of questions: "Do you have cities on the ocean floor?" "Are you using a 28-day calendar?" "Does your number system use a 2 or 5 base?" "Do you have cars that ride on air". Religion: A Prayer Book, a Sunday Church Bulletin, a picture of the interior of the church and Clergy. Sports: pictures if the Olympics. JUNIOR Y.P.F. Members pictures, a report of the organization, a tape recording of why and how the capsule was made."

Efforts to recover the time capsule have so far proved fruitless. A call was made to the Rev Robert Bretscher (Curate at the time) and, when I

told him who I was his immediate response was "Didn't you and I attend the same university?" (How is that for remembering something from 50 years ago?) When I told him of the reason for my call, he thought for a moment and then he said, "As I remember it, there was a door into the church opposite Dr, Flisher's office. I believe that the capsule was placed in the wall just inside that door. The new organ was being installed, and the capsule was part of that project." Further searching will be undertaken to try to find this time capsule, and we will be collecting articles for inclusion in a 275 year time capsule.

The parish office is open Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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