

St. Paul's Newsletter July/August 2017



JULY/AUGUST AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM
Vestry – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM (not in August)
Wednesday Eucharist will be out for the summer,
but will return on September 6th.

SUMMER BOOK GROUP

The Book of Joy - Look at the dates in this Newsletter

VESTRY UPDATE

For June 2017

MINISTRY OF COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to choose a date for our Coffee Hour

GARDENER'S MARKET

August 5 & September 9 - 8:30 AM - Noon

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Contact Jane Smith with questions - see in the Newsletter

ITEMS NEEDED FOR NICARAGUA SERVICE TRIP

Contact Rob Page at 203-265-2394

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE THIS SUMMER!

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesdays and Fridays - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

INGATHERING

September 10 - One Service at 9:30 AM with Potluck Picnic

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - until September 5

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Dear Companions in Christ,

I'm both sad and delighted to share Debi Page's letter of resignation as parish secretary effective August 25. (You can read it yourself on the following page.)

I'm sad for us as a community to lose her deep knowledge of the workings of this parish. I'm sad for visitors to the office who won't be greeted by her quiet, caring presence. And I'm personally *very* sad to be losing a daily companion and partner in ministry.

On the other hand, I'm delighted to have had the opportunity to work so closely with Debi all these years. I'm delighted that she's moving on to a new and exciting position at which she's guaranteed to excel! And that she'll continue as a vital member of St. Paul's.

Stay tuned for news of a parish-wide opportunity to thank Debi for her service. Pray for her -- and for us as a parish as we seek to call a new parish secretary. A search advisory committee is now being formed; please let me know if you have any interest in serving on it.

Faithfully,
Dee Anne+

P.S. As of this writing, we're also looking to hire a new **Director of Religious Education** (paid, part-time during the school year) AND a **Nursery Care Provider** (paid, Sunday mornings only). Please give some thought and prayer to these positions too -- and encourage anyone who might be a good candidate to be in touch with me ASAP.

To the St. Paul's Parishioners,

This letter is to inform you of my resignation from the Parish Secretary's office, effective August 25, 2017. I was recruited for a job which I could not turn down. My new position is "Grandma" and I will be working for Samuel R. Golschneider while his parents go to work.

It has been a joy and privilege to work with those who also work here at St. Paul's, and as well with parishioners, newcomers, visitors, friends and many more.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served in this important ministry, for 14 years plus, in our parish. I will, of course, continue to be a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Faithfully yours,

Deborah Mansfield Page

*And now these remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest is love.*

Summer Joy! This summer's book group is reading **The Book of Joy** by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. The first gathering of the afternoon session will be Wednesday, July 5 at 12:00 noon in the (air conditioned!) purple classroom; the first session of the evening group will be Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM hosted by Amy Foster (301 North Main Street, Wallingford). Choose whichever fits your schedule -- please sign up on the list on the easel if you've not already done so. Read the Prologue and "Day One", if possible

Vestry Update for June 2017

The minutes from May's meeting were reviewed and approved with minor editorial revisions indicated by Kathy. The treasurer's report for May was reviewed and approved as submitted.

We received the audit report for 2015 from our auditor, Donna Corey. It was accepted and will be forwarded to ECCT. Specific recommendations relating to our procedures will be discussed at July's meeting. The Vestry also voted to hire donna for the 2016 audit which should be completed this summer.

From the Vestry's walk in the neighborhood last fall, Linda Daley has volunteered to spearhead an event to thank Wallingford first responders.

Updates were provided from liaisons to the following committees:
Christian Formation: 2 candidates for the DRE position are being interviewed the week of June 19th.

ECCT: the SC Region will hold a meeting and picnic on June 24th from 10:00 – 1:00 at Trinity Church in Seymour. This will also be an opportunity to meet the newly appointed part time director for the district.

Property: A new hot water heater was installed on an expedited basis as the old one had sprung a leak. The main use is for the nursery school and is a requirement for it to continue operation. We are exploring adding a railing up the stairs to the altar to assist choir members and others who may need to process up to or approach the altar. Chuck Maynard will build a rough prototype to see what it may look like. Finally, we executed a 3-year extension to our current contract for elevator maintenance that includes 24 hours emergency coverage.

Sacred Trust: 6 honorariums were approved for Emily Blau, Christine Geis, Casey Winberg, Ryan Cosgrove, Katelyn Earley, and Andrew Peterson to apply towards their pursuit of a higher education degree.

Outreach requests approved were:

- \$2750 for scholarships for Nursery School families in need;

- \$1000 for Berkeley Divinity School and \$2000 for Union Theological Seminary;
- \$300 to SCOW for the Mariachi Band's performance at the rice and beans dinner in May to be used as an education grant;
- \$1250 for Devin Napoli to participate in a Dominican Republic mission trip.

The date for our In-Gathering Sunday and parish picnic has been set for September 10th.

Your wardens,
Chuck Maynard & Gene Gervais



The Ministry of Coffee Hour -- The opportunity to spend time together breaking bread in an informal setting after church is an important form of ministry. As the regular coffee hour rotation has ended, we now begin weekly sign-ups. The list for the next few weeks is posted on the easel so please choose a date that works for you. As we're heading into the warm weather, ***lemonade and iced tea is fine*** - hot beverages strictly optional. *In addition, we're looking for someone to serve as Coffee Hour Coordinator for next year.* Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far.

Items Needed for Nicaragua Service Trip

If you have digital cameras or GPS units that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to El Porvenir. Any items donated will be brought to Nicaragua during the service trip in July. Contact Rob Page with any questions.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who provided food items and monetary donations and to those who helped make sandwiches on June 11. We were originally planning to bring the food to Chapel on the Green in New Haven, but we had to change plans and deliver the food to the Catholic Worker house in New Haven instead. The 100 sandwiches we made, along with fresh fruit, chips, and desserts people donated were much appreciated by the folks at the Catholic Worker! We hope next year to participate in Chapel on the Green. Meanwhile, thanks to the many people who helped out with this year's project! - Amy Foster

Gardener's Market

Saturday, August 5 and Saturday, September 9
on the green by the railroad station. Volunteers are needed, any time between 8:30 AM - noon, to hand out St. Paul's tote bags.

Ingathering: Sunday, September 10

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

Celebrate Wallingford

Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. St. Paul's will have a booth in front of the church. Volunteers are needed to hand out St. Paul's tote bags and informational flyers.
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Churches on Main Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 14 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM
More information to coming!

Summer Office Hours:

The Parish Office will be open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM,
Tuesday through Friday, beginning on July 5.
Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.

Healing Prayer

The Healing Prayer Group began studying the meaning of Healing Prayer, meeting monthly, one year and a half ago. We have been studying Jesus' Healing from the Bible, experiencing many types of meditation, using intercessory prayer for others throughout the month, and engaging in Healing Prayer for each other.

We have grown together in our connection to God, and are centered in prayer. We offer ourselves as channels through prayer for God's healing power -- whether it be physical, spiritual or emotional. You will be able to request Healing Prayer for yourself or others, for whom you feel their need. We will be offering this ministry at both services, and will announce the starting date in the near future.

For more information, please contact Vivian Horvath, Stephanie Crump or the Rector.

THRIFT SHOP

A special THANK YOU to all who have stepped up to help with the Thrift Shop. A number of new faces ~ GREAT!! It is only with your help that the shop remains a viable resource to the Church and Community.

Additional help with sorting and pricing on Monday mornings is always welcome. The "crew" is there from 9 - NOON. Stop by for an hour or two to help with this monumental job.

As for sales associates, we have some new faces which is FABULOUS! One parishioner brings her friend to assist - WONDERFUL!

HOWEVER - we are still in need of two, hopefully permanent, volunteers for the first Thursday of each month from 10 -1.

If you can help or have questions, contact Jane Smith.

Parish Life

Baptism

June 11, 2017

*Samuel Robert Golschneider,
son of A. Michael Golschneider & Caroline Page Golschneider*

Death

June 14, 2017

Robert Leroy Wachtelhausen



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: All Saints (November 12, 2017), and Epiphany (January 7, 2018) . 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.

Church Open for Prayer & Reflection

Wednesdays and Fridays - 10 AM-1 PM

ALL are welcome to come and stay for as little or as much of the time as needed.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?

Many thanks to everyone who has kept their financial pledges timely. We're a bit behind for this time of the year, however, and need to catch up. Please do so! You are welcome to contact the Rector or Stewardship Chair, Ralph Nardi with any concerns or questions.

GIFT TO ST. PAUL'S

A painting of St. Paul's Church, done by local watercolor artist John Neff, will be received at the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, August 13, 2017. This painting is being donated by Susan Flisher Mau daughter, of our former Rector, The Rev. Leonard H. Flisher and his wife Mildred.

In 1973 John Neff was commissioned to create a painting of the church which was given as a parting gift to then Curate The Rev. Edward (Ned) Prevost and his wife Beverly. Artist Neff produced a "prototype" or "first draft" of the painting prior to the final watercolor painting that was presented to the Prevost's. This earlier painting is the one that remained with the Flisher family and is the one that will be presented to us.

Susan, and possibly her brother Christopher, will be at the 9:30 service on August 13th to present the painting. She has indicated to me that she very much hopes to see some of the people that she knew while growing up here at St. Paul's. Please mark this date on your calendars. Your presence will be much appreciated.

Jane Smith

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.

Please advise us of - change of address or telephone numbers

- illness, hospitalizations, deaths

- requests for baptisms, weddings, etc

CHECK THIS OUT!

To be in St. Paul's sanctuary on a sunny afternoon is a wonderful experience. The sun is shining through the stained glass windows on the south side of the church bathed the sanctuary in beautiful colors and gives one a lonely feeling of peace and serenity. It's easy, too, to remember the hundreds of people who through the years have shared the love of God with each other in this beautiful place.

A similar experience of beauty, peace and serenity might be felt as well in the Memorial Garden. Thanks to the design of Master Gardener, Bob Bartosiak, new flowering plants and bushes have been planted that will provide beautiful colors from May to November. It, too, is a lovely place of peace and serenity where the names of loved ones whose ashes are buried there are carved into stones around the edge of the garden.

Members of the garden committee are often emotionally touched by mementos that visitors have left there in remembrance of a loved one. Occasionally a single flower or a small bouquet has been placed in front of a stone, or something even a small plaque, or a picture of a loved one. Perhaps the item found was a small bottle of Tums! After a respectful few days each of these items are discarded. However, the only items not allowed in the garden are additional plants that are actually dug into the soil.

Please feel free at any time to visit the garden and enjoy the peace and serenity of this lovely little piece of land. Perhaps to sit on one of the benches to read a book, eat your lunch, or just to enjoy a few minutes of peace and quiet. Some of the flowering bushes are especially attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds and if you sit quietly enough, you might even get to see a bird enjoying the pleasure of bathing in the birdbath.

Lois Olesen

St. Paul's Graduates - 2017

Aaron Baxter, son of David & Marci Baxter, graduated from Hopkins School, New Haven, on June 9. He will be attending Syracuse University in the fall.

Andrew Baxter, son of David & Marci Baxter, graduated from Hopkins School, New Haven, on June 9. He will be attending Brandeis University in the fall.

Dana Baxter, daughter of David & Marci Baxter, graduated from Hopkins School, New Haven, on June 9. She will be attending Tufts University in the fall.

Ryan Cosgrove, son of John & Ann Cosgrove, graduated on June 16th at Mark T. Sheehan High School. He will be attending Eastern Connecticut State University this fall majoring in Finance.

Timothy Earley, son of Steve & Beth Earley, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New Haven, on May 13th with a bachelor's degree in Forensic Science, Biology, Genetics and Biotechnology. He will be pursuing a PhD in Biology at Wesleyan University starting this fall.

Julia Eldridge, daughter of Ramona Eldridge & Steve Eldridge, has graduated from the University of Connecticut on May 7th with a degree in History and Education. After interning this summer at the Connecticut River Museum, she'll pursue her Masters Degree in teaching this fall at the University of Nottingham in a joint program with UConn. She returns to Connecticut for spring semester interning with the Connecticut Historical Society.

Caroline Harrington, daughter of Jerry & Nancy Harrington, graduated from Masters Education Leadership from Post University in May 2017.

Jordan Kawulicz, granddaughter of Jeff & Trudy Guth, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Construction Engineering Management on May 11. She will be working for Shawmut Design and construction in Boston, MA.

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Justin Leone, grandson of Anne Leone, graduated from Massachusetts Academy, Buzzard's Bay, MA with a Bachelor's of Science in Marine Engineering, Licensed Third Assistance Engineer, Steam, Motor, and Gas Turbine, Unlimited Horsepower, through examinations administered by the United States Coast Guard, and graduated on June 17th. His goal is to work aboard a Merchant Marine vessel or private company or large state side operations facility.

Stephanie Leone, granddaughter of Anne Leone, graduated from Endicott College, Beverly, MA, Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, Business Minor, Studio Minor on May 20th. Her goal is to work in a Marketing Firm.

Sarah Murray, daughter of Stacy & Christopher Murray, has graduated from Providence College with a Master's in Education/School Administration. This fall she will be teaching sophomore English at Bishop Hendrickson High School in Warwick, RI.

Sara Neilson, daughter of Dena Virgulto and Dan Nielson, stepdaughter of Paul Virgulto, graduated from Lyman Hall High School on June 16th. She plans to attend Albertus Magnus College majoring in criminal justice and psychology.

Gretchen Oestreicher, daughter of Wendy & Brad Oestreicher, graduated Cum Laude from Suffolk University in Boston in December 2016 with a BA in International Relations and minors in Philosophy and Women and Gender Studies. Currently working in Wallingford, Gretchen plans on returning to Madrid, Spain to enter the Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) program in November.

Abigail Emily Page, daughter of Rob & Debi Page, graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York University, December 2016, with a bachelor's degree in English and American Literature with a concentration in Creative Writing. She is an aspiring teacher, writer and learner.

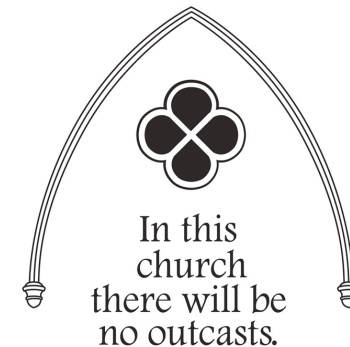
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Cole Rourke, son of Chris & Suzy, graduated from H. C. Wilcox Technical High School on Friday, June 16.

Edward Speyer, son of Andrew & Clare Speyer, graduated from Northwestern University on Friday, June 16th, with a degree in chemical Engineering. He begins work in July with Dow Chemical in Delaware.

Casey Erik Winberg, son of John & Shawn Winberg, graduated on June 16th at Mark T. Sheehan High School. He will be attending the University of New Haven in the fall, majoring in Forensics.

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



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

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