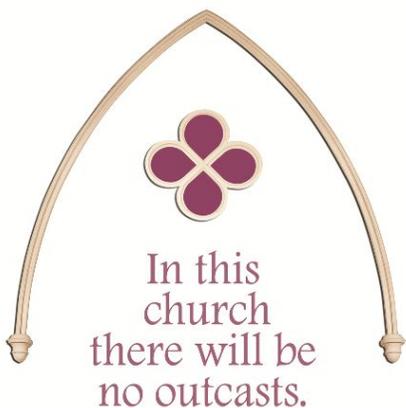


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SEPTEMBER AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM
Vestry - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Wednesday Eucharist returns on September 6th.

CHOIR & CHORISTERS

*Choir rehearsals begin on September 7th from 7 - 9 pm
Choristers begin on September 14th from 4 - 5 pm*

GARDENER'S MARKET

*September 9 - 8:30 AM - Noon
Doolittle Park*

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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & THANK YOU BRUNCH

September 17 - Church School starts promptly at 9:15 a.m. The students come into the 9:30 service for a special sermon and blessing of their backpacks -- with a gift to carry throughout the school year. Open to students and teachers alike. Invite friends! After the 9:30 service, stay for a Thank You Brunch, honoring our retiring parish secretary Deborah Page!

CELEBRATE OUR NICARAUGUA MISSION TRIP

September 24 - Church School starts promptly at 9:15 a.m.; Members of this summer's Nicaragua Mission Team offer the sermon at both services, with video, slides and personal testimony. Church School students will come into church for this lively presentation.

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Dear Companions in Christ,

It's been a busier than usual summer here, and I predict it will be an even better fall. One of the main reasons is that we've been fortunate to call Frances Chamberlain as our new Director of Christian Education & Formation - effective already! Although she was hired late in the summer, Frances has been working hard to make sure that all of our children and youth have a fun and spirit-filled year of learning.

I can't wait for you to meet Frances and hear some of her great ideas and plans. And I certainly hope you'll do everything in your power to support her in this role - from volunteering to teach or help out in classrooms, donate supplies as requested, ask our kids what they're learning in church school, and of course *pray for Frances and her ministry among us*.

We should also recognize members of our Christian Education Search Advisory Committee: Ava Bibisi, Kristin Liu, Jane Smith, and Helen Stowe. These four were a joy to work with over a period of several months during which we refused to "settle" until God showed us just the right person for this position.

In addition to filling the Christian Education position, I've been blessed to work with Beth Kennedy and Robin Hunter to seek a new parish secretary/administrative assistant. Stay tuned for a big announcement about this very soon! We're also making progress on the Sunday nursery position.

Here's to a dynamic new program year! It all begins on:

Ingathering Sunday,

September 10 with a combined, single service at 9:30 a.m.

followed by a potluck picnic with live music, games and Church School registration. Please bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert and be ready to visit with friends old and new!

Faithfully,
Dee Anne+

Christian Education

Hello! My name is Frances Chamberlain and I am the new Director of Christian Education and Formation for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. I am excited and proud to serve your church and God in this role! I moved to Wallingford over ten years ago after marrying my husband, Eric, and I became a stay-at-home parent when I had my kids, Eleanor and August. In my free time I enjoy hiking, crafting, baking, and leading my daughter's Girl Scout troop. I look forward to getting to know you and your families through our Christian fellowship!

Now is a great time to join the Choir or Choristers!

Choir rehearsals begin on September 7th and are held on Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. Choristers is open to any child in 1st grade or older. Rehearsals for the Choristers begin on September 14th and are held weekly from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested please contact our music director Jay Lindsay -- musicdirector@stpaulswallingford.org.

Hope to see you there!

Gardener's Market

Saturday, September 9 at Doolittle Park. 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.

Sacred Trust

The next meeting of the Sacred Trust Committee will be Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the chapel. Any requests should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than September 24, 2017. Contact Carole Ireland at 203-988-7405 with any questions.

Adult Forum

The Gospel of Mark - The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels and is generally considered to be the first written. This fall, the Adult Forum will read and discuss Mark, paying special attention to what it might have meant to be a follower of Jesus in the first century and considering what that could mean for followers of

Jesus today. The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in Wilkinson Hall, and this session will begin on September 17. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Foster at afoster@choate.edu or 203-697-2758. All are welcome--drop by and check it out!

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 coming!



School Supplies for IRIS

Again this year, the Girls' Friendly Society is collecting school supplies for Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services in New Haven. These supplies are needed throughout the year, as backpacks filled with basic supplies are given to newly arriving children to begin their schooling. There is a box set up near the front for your donations. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Supplies needed: crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, erasers, rulers and backpacks.

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.

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.

Thrift Shop News

Thank you to all who have stepped up to help out with the Thrift Shop this year. It has made a big difference, and sales are booming! We still have some openings for "sales associates." Please consider volunteering for a 3 hour shift. ALSO - we are in DESPERATE need of help on Monday mornings between the hours of 8 and 11 am to sort and price incoming merchandise. Additional hands for an hour or two would be perfect! Contact Jane Smith for more information or better yet, to volunteer! (203) 265-4846 or jbunth@sbcglobal.net

ECW Quiet Day: Living Faith

On Saturday, September 9, 2017, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Meriden will be holding a "Quiet Day", led by The Rev. Ellen Adams, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. If you would like to attend, please make reservations by phone or email to: Valzie Peterkin (203) 877-4701; Valziep@gmail.com or Betty Silva (203) 623-3434; betty.silva@att.net. St. Andrew's is located at 20 Catlin Street in Meriden. From I-691 toward Waterbury/Meriden, Exit 7, take ramp right toward Downtown Meriden. Bear left onto State Street Ext - road name changes to State Street. Turn left onto Mill Street. Turn right onto Pratt Street and left onto Catlin Street.

New Church Directory coming soon!

We are in the process of putting together a directory for our parish. This new directory will be available, online, through a mobile app or in printed form! You will be able to upload your own pictures or let us take a picture of you and we can add it right to the directory!

Look for more announcements at church in the very near future. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 203-265-3833 or email me at ralph.nardi@gmail.com.

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