

St. Paul's Newsletter November 2016



NOVEMBER 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 - Thursday at 7:00 PM

Covenant to Care

Gifts off the tree in church for needy families

Pick an ornament and bring the gift back to church by 12/4

Girls' Friendly Society

Tuesday, November 15 - 6:30 - 8 PM

Church Work Night

Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Baskets to Home-Bound Parishioners

Please contact Helen Stowe if you can take this over!

As soon as possible!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 21 at 7:00 PM

United Methodist Church

941 Rock Hill Road

Sacred Trust Committee

Deadline for requests due by December 2

Holiday Tea

December 10 - Seatings at 12 Noon and 2 PM

Tickets are required!

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Dear Companions in Christ,

We were fortunate enough to hear the entire Adams family -- Fee, Dave, Luke and Logan -- preach a great sermon recently in support of this year's stewardship drive. They began by each sharing favorite "reflections" of their life at St. Paul's:

"The sound of the church bell ringing on Sunday morning."

"Sermons of hope, peace and love."

"The Confirmation class experience."

"The Easter Egg hunts (even though I am too old)."

"A place of solace when you're hurting."

"Christmas celebration, with the kids' pageant, and the glow of the Holy Spirit as we pass candles from pew to pew."

"An opportunity to teach church school."

"Evening soccer games in Nicaragua."

"Pancake supper -- Bacon, Bacon and more Bacon (and sausage too)."

Can you guess which Adams said what?

As personal as these memories are, the Adams realized that they "were only made possible by the faithful giving and support from past and present members." And that includes YOU.

What comes to mind when you reflect upon your fondest reflections of life in this parish community? How -- in terms of financial giving, and with your time and many talents -- will you keep it going strong for yourself and others yet to come?

Faithfully,
Dee Anne

Vestry Update for October 2016

At our meeting in October most of our time was spent on continuing business and discussions pertaining to events taking place over the next 4 months. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as submitted. Pledges are slightly behind budget and we will be transferring \$25,000 from the General Investment Fund to our checking account to cover cash needs through the end of the year.

We discussed and adopted hiring guidelines that set conditions under which a parishioner may be hired when all avenues to obtain qualified applicants from outside sources have been exhausted. Our goal is to avoid dual relationships and the hiring of a parishioner for a paid staff position, in accordance with guidelines from ECCT, but we recognize that there are circumstances in which this may be unavoidable.

In ongoing operations, we will be switching to All Waste for our trash removal and recycling. You will begin to see additional blue containers in various locations throughout the parish hall to increase the amount of items we recycle. We are also exploring hiring a new snow removal provider and are currently soliciting bids from 3 companies.

A revision to the Sacred Trust Bylaws as drafted by the Sacred Trust Committee was discussed and approved by the Vestry. This change will be presented to the Parish at our annual meeting, scheduled for January 22nd, for ratification. It addresses how unallocated funds remaining in the account at the end of the year may be used.

Bob Mansfield has located a time capsule from 1965 when the Holtkamp organ was dedicated. It was hidden behind a wall on a window sill in the Rector's vesting area that was covered over when the organ was installed. The time capsule will be opened and contents read at Stewardship Sunday on October 30th. We will begin putting together a new time capsule commemorating our 275th anniversary and will fill it at our annual meeting on January 22nd.

Finally, we approved ordering a bus for parishioners to attend the

November 20th ECCT service at the XL Center in Hartford where our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be preaching. A nominal fee of \$5 per person will be requested to help defray some of the cost. The bus will depart shortly after 9:00 from St. Paul's, drop people off at the XL Center, and leave at 1:00 to return to Wallingford.

Your wardens,
Amy Foster & Chuck Maynard

Work Night, Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM

We will be changing light bulbs, oiling fans, checking emergency lighting, fixing pews, etc. etc. It's fun and you can meet new people, as well as helping our church get spruced up. Contact Bob Mansfield if you would like to help out

Sacred Trust Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will be Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Chapel. Any requests for funding from the Sacred Trust Committee must be submitted to the parish office no later than Friday, December 2.

Our Holiday Tree for Covenant to Care is up! Please consider taking an ornament (or two) and purchasing the item on it. The gifts will be for our DCF social worker and our Nurturing Families liaison to distribute to needy families. Please return the purchased items (and the tags) by St. Nicholas Day, December 4. Thank you!

Homeless/Emergency Shelter opens for the season on November 15th and St. Paul's will once again be serving food on Sundays starting at 6:00 pm. Our first sign-up date is Nov. 20th and sign-up sheets for the first three months are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. It would be helpful to have some new volunteers so if you feel called to this ministry and have not served at the Shelter before we will welcome you! Just sign-up and check

the new volunteer box and you will be paired with one of our regulars so you can learn the system. The work is easy and rewarding. Any questions contact Trudy Guth. Please also see me if you can help provide a portion of a meal for approx.. 20 people during the Choate shutdowns. Food coverage is usually needed for 2 Sundays in Nov., 3 Sundays over the Christmas and New Year holidays, and 2 Sundays for Easter. Thank you!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

This year's service is Monday, November 21 at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church (941 Old Rock Hill Rd.) Please consider bringing foodstuffs (pasta, rice, soup and other canned goods) to share with Chrysalis of Meriden/Wallingford, one of eighteen Domestic Violence Shelters in CT. Due to budget cuts they have a minimal amount of food for their 30 residents. Thank you for your help.

Christmas Pageant Sign Ups:

Sign ups for this year's Christmas Eve Pageant will take place November 27th following 9:00 mass in the purple classroom. Interested pageant players and volunteers can sign up in person or contact Nichol Whitehouse or Adam Abbate.

St. Paul's Holiday Tea!

Join us for St. Paul's Holiday Tea on December 10! A relaxing time of a plate of tasty sandwiches and desserts, good company and of course, your choice of tea. Tickets are available from the parish office, or on Sundays. There will be two sittings - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM and tickets are \$15. We are also looking for people who would like to make sandwiches the morning of the tea, or help with set up of clean up, and servers, we'd love to have you, just let us know.

St. Paul's 275th Anniversary Ornaments are for sale! The hand-crafted, pewter ornaments depicting St. Paul's Church were drawn and designed by Dan Lyon and custom made by Woodbury Pewterers, Inc. Each ornament sells for \$10. Contact Carole Ireland for more information.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you are interested in coordinating the Thanksgiving baskets, please contact me. I will not be doing it this year and am happy to share with you what it involved. It isn't difficult, but takes a bit of planning. Our home-bound parishioners are always so appreciative of the fruit baskets. Please consider this way of serving the parish. Thanks.



GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

St. Paul's G.F.S. branch would like to thank all those who have already donated educational supplies for IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services). As families arrive throughout the year IRIS gives the children a backpack filled with the supplies needed to begin their school careers in the U.S.A.

A note from the IRIS Newsletter said that they had processed as many families during the month of July, 2016 as were processed in all of 2015. This shows that the supplies are very much needed.

This GFS Mission Project continues through 2016 so there is still the opportunity to donate supplies in the collection box in the rear of the church near the font.

Thank you for your help!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Back Packs; Notebooks; Loose Leaf Paper; Binders; Folders; Pencil Boxes; Pencils; Pens; Highlighters; Glue Sticks; Graphing Calculators; Pencil Sharpeners; Scissors; Colored Pencils; Crayons; Rulers; Erasers; Beginner Reading Books

In other news, 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 of this school year is **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** in the classroom. A complete schedule of meetings through December will be e-mailed to all families.

We look forward to seeing all returning members and welcoming new ones!

See you all soon!!

Karen Rowe, Branch Advisor & Jane Smith, Leader



Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: 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.

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!

Diaper Sundays!

Our monthly ministry to assist young families with diapers through Nurturing Connections at the Community Health Center in Meriden could use a volunteer or two to assist with purchasing and delivering diapers for needy young families. Each volunteer usually purchases and delivers the diapers once every 3--4 months depending on the number of volunteers. It is a rewarding and much needed service and is not time consuming. If anyone would like to join our team of volunteers or have any questions as to what is involved, please contact Pat Sousa at 203-213-6594

Minister Schedule

To all who serve on Sunday

I will be scheduling Christmas Eve, both services, Christmas Day, (Sunday) ; January 1st (Sunday) as well as January 8,15 and 22, 2017 in the December Newsletter.

I need to know **which service on Christmas Eve you will be available to serve** as well as the other dates listed above. If you are NOT available, please give me that information as well. Some have given me this information already and I thank you very much.

If I do not have this information by November 20th you may be scheduled for dates that you are unavailable and if that happens, you will be responsible for getting your own substitute. Remember, **I need this information by November 20, 2016 .**

Thank you in advance, Jane Smith

THRIFT SHOP -- The thrift shop volunteers have been busy! We are blessed w/generous donations! We do need more volunteers though; especially those who can work the shop 10 AM to 1 PM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Three hours per month would be a great help to us and is a nice idea of stewardship for the upcoming New Year! The shop is such a great resource for the church and the Wallingford community. Contact Alesia Manicone for further information.



PASTORS OF
THE EARLY YEARS

Mr. Wildman's long rectorship set a new precedent. In the nineteenth century at least seventeen clergy had served St. Paul's. Following Mr. Wildman, the twentieth century saw only five rectors serve the parish!

The Re, Arthur P. Greenleaf followed Mr. Wildman. Rev. Greenleaf was born in New Orleans and graduated from New York's General Theological Seminary in 1881. He served parishes in Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Massachusetts before coming to Wallingford. Mr. Greenleaf was very active in community affairs. He served the Red Cross and the Boys' Club. He was a member of Rotary and Compass Lodge A.F. & A. M.

In 1914 the Girl's Friendly Society was organized by Mrs. Herschel Tabor. Choate School had no chapel of its own, so the boys marched to St. Paul's for services on Sunday afternoons. After the school built their own chapel, and in appreciation for the long and warm hospitality of St. Paul's, the school presented Mr. Greenleaf with an automobile. In 1925 Mr. Greenleaf resigned as pastor to become Chaplain and Librarian at Choate.

The Rev. Donald W. Greene became the next rector at S. Paul's. He was born in Logan, Utah, and had graduated from General Theological Seminary. He had previously served parishes in upper New York, Bridgeport, and Bethel. Mr. Greene stated in one sermon that "A friend told me before I came that the people of this parish were known for their faithfulness and devotion to church customs and traditions.... I have learned that that reputation is based on fact" (I hope that we still practice these ideals.)

Mr. Greene worked extensively with the young people of the parish. In 1931 seventy-three pupils were commended for perfect attendance at Sunday School, and twenty people were confirmed. Mr. Greene served as Chaplain at the Masonic Home and at Gaylord Sanatorium. He was also very active in the diocese. The Rev. William Beardsley preached a sermon in 1941 on the 200th Anniversary of St. Paul's. In it he said that " You have a noble past to live up to, a rich record to emulate and surpass."

Mr. Greene resigned in 1948.



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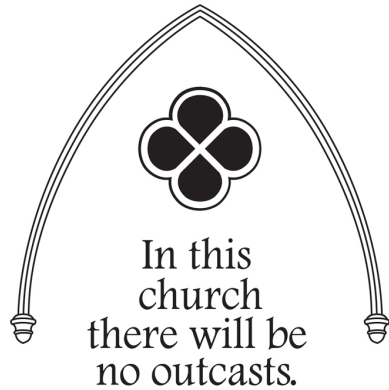
Readers – Ushers – Crucifers – Acolytes – Chalice Bearers!

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.

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

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



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

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

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