

St. Paul's Newsletter December 2016

DECEMBER 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

Holiday Tea

December 10 - Seating at 2 PM

Tickets are required!

Sacred Trust Meeting

December 13

Girls' Friendly Society

December 20, at 6:30 PM

Church Open for Prayer & Reflection

Wednesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM

275th Anniversary Ornaments

See Carole Ireland to purchase these ornaments

DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

***Please see Christmas services at St. Pauls
inside this Newsletter!***

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

Saturday, December 24: The Eve of the Nativity

4:00 PM Christmas Pageant with Carols
& Holy Eucharist
(The nursery will be open at this service.)

10:30 PM Choral Prelude

11:00 PM Candlelight Eucharist with Choir

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Carols -
PG-rated PJ's welcomed!

Sunday, January 1:

The First Sunday After Christmas:

9:00 AM Christmas Poetry, Carols & Holy Eucharist

(Church School, Nursery and Adult Forum resume
Sunday, January 8)

The November Vestry meeting was held on election night, so we agreed to be efficient with our work in order to get home in time to watch election returns. The church had been open during the day for reflection and prayer, and there were several folks who had taken advantage of the opportunity.

The important news of the meeting was the announcement of the resignation of Becky Scalesse as our Director of Christian Education. We will miss her energy and creativity in that job, but we are happy that she and her family plan to stay involved in our community as parishioners.

The major decision the Vestry made at the meeting was to purchase a new phone system from Hawkeye. We had carefully examined options and ultimately felt this would be the best and most cost-effective choice for our needs. We appreciate the help with the selection process provided not only by members of the Vestry but also Tim Rowe and Donna Regan.

In other technology and property news – we will be getting bids from several communications companies to help us assess and potentially upgrade our sound systems, and Bob Mansfield is gathering bids for a snowplowing service.

We also heard a few other updates about our finances, the wonderful Holiday Fair, and the stewardship campaign; the Finance Committee will soon be working on a budget for next year. Remember - if you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2017, it's not too late!

Your wardens,
Amy Foster and Chuck Maynard

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.

Christmas Flower Memorials

For those who wish to have Christmas flowers as memorials for loved ones, please have names and contributions in to the parish office by Tuesday, December 20th. Suggested contributions are \$25.

St. Paul's Recycles!

You may have noticed more recycling bins with signs on them around the church and parish hall! The agreement with our new trash company, All Waste, comes with single stream recycling. Please help be good stewards of God's earth by placing all recyclable items – **all types of paper, plastic containers #1 – 7, glass, cans, cardboard** – into the containers, making sure to rinse out all containers before recycling. Thank you for helping in this important effort.

Offering Envelopes!

Soon we will be placing offering envelope boxes on a table in the back of the sanctuary. All boxes will have names on them and will

be placed alphabetically. Please make sure that you pick up your box and not someone else's! If you are unable to get to church to pick up your offering envelopes, please call the parish office and we can arrange for them to be delivered to you. If there is not a box with your name on it and you would like offering envelopes, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to get them to you. Any questions, please call the parish office at 203-369-5050.

Homeless/Emergency Shelter - St. Paul's is serving food on Sundays at 6:00 pm. Our 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 can be directed to 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!

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!



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.

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.

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



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, December 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

St Paul's Holiday Fair

This year's Holiday Fair was held on Saturday, November 5. Karen Rowe, Helen Stowe and myself, Carole Ireland, partnered to chair the fair. The 3 way division of duties worked out well and Helen and I truly benefitted from Karen's years of experience. The fair was a big success and made approximately \$6,300.00.

We are thankful to Karen Rowe who advertised for the crafters and then worked with them to assure that their particular table needs and setups were met. About 20 crafters paid to be at the fair.

We extend a very special thank you to George Swenson who coordinated the apple pie making and baking. St Paul's was again blessed to receive the very generous donation of apples from Rebecca and Eric Henry and Blue Hill Orchards. The apple peelers, slicers, dough makers, dough rollers, assemblers and bakers did an excellent job making 187 traditional apple pies and 50 deep dish pies. They were delicious!

Also, many thanks to the following folks: Marsha Cutrole who ran the Christmas Loft/Golden Elephant Room; Nancy Jermine who transformed the Common Room into a Jewelry/Accessory Boutique; Holly Frost who ran the baked table; Lisa and Brian Sabia for overseeing the kitchen and preparing the delicious food items; Jane Smith for selling the pies (almost every one was sold by the end of the fair); Helen Stowe for coordinating and assembling the many baskets for the very popular basket raffle; Debi Page for selling tickets for the Christmas Tea; to those who helped me by selling the 275th Anniversary Ornaments; and the Boy Scouts from Troop 4 who are so helpful and efficient setting up and taking down the tables and chairs.

Finally, a very big thank you to all of you who helped in any way to make this year's Holiday Fair a success.

Gratefully,
Karen Rowe, Helen Stowe and Carole Ireland



PASTORS OF THE EARLY YEARS

Following the resignation of Mr. Greene a search committee was formed and soon selected the Reverend Leonard H. Flisher to be the new rector. Mr. Flisher was born in Waterbury, graduated from Leigh University and General Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1937 and had served parishes in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He, his wife Derd and their two children moved to the rectory in October of 1948.

In 1950 a service of thanksgiving was held for the redecoration of the church interior. An organ recital was given to celebrate the re-building and electrification of the 1869 organ. In 1960 the rectory on South Main Street was sold and a new rectory purchased at 582 North Main Street (The South Main Street rectory stood where the Webster Bank now stands.)

A new heating system was installed in 1952, and the horse sheds in the rear of the church were demolished in 1953. In 1953 \$135,000 was raised for the construction of a new Parish House, and it was dedicated in 1956.

Beginning in 1952, a series of seminarians have come from the Berkley Divinity School to assist with parish work. They came from all part of the country and most went on to be ordained. In 1958 the Bishop began to assign curates to St. Paul's. Norman Catir, William Congdon, Robert Bretscher, John Martiner, Stepher Foote, Edward Provost, Andrew Mead, and Malcolm Roberts came to the parish as deacons and were soon ordained to the priesthood. They should be recognized at least as "assistant rectors".

In 1968 Rev. Flisher was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by the Berkley Divinity School, and in 1970 he was appointed Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church in Yalesville. Thus began a "yolked" relationship with St John's that lasted for several years. During this time the rector and the curate

worked at both parishes, to the benefit of everyone.

On May 13th, 1973 a Celebration of Thanksgiving of Fr. Flisher's 35th anniversary of his ordination and the 25th anniversary of his arrival at St. Paul's was held. Many former seminarians and curates attended and helped to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Much more could be written about the Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Flisher's time at St Paul's.

Rev. Flisher preached his last sermon on July 30th, 1977.



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.

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

The parish office is open Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

A Blessed Christmas

to you all

and a

Peaceful and Healthy

New Year

from

the Vestry and Staff

of St. Paul's