

St. Paul's Newsletter January 2017



JANUARY 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

ADULT FORUM: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Sundays at 9:00 AM in Wilkinson Hall

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

In to the Parish Office by January 11

JANUARY THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULES

Available outside the Parish Office

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, January 22 - One 9:30 AM Service

NICARAGUA SERVICE TRIP

July 15 - July 22, 2017

Registration & \$100 Deposit due by January 31

MERCY CENTER RETREAT

Saturday, May 13th

\$14 Deposit to Vivian Horvath

WATER JUSTICE INSTITUTE

March 22-24

See Rob Page or the Rector for information

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

Dear Companions in Christ,

I write this a few days into the Twelve Days of Christmas with just a couple days left in this calendar year. It's that in-between time when many of us are still celebrating -- enjoying leftovers, with decorations still up, kids home from school, and perhaps even a family trip or two. And yet we know that it passes all too soon. The new year greets us with all the things we've been putting off during the festivities, plus new demands too. Thank God the first few days of the new year are *still Christmas!*

In fact, that's when the real work of Christmas begins . . .

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,*

*The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

Looks like we've got our work cut out for us in the year ahead. So thankful we're here to inspire and support one another in this work God has given us to do -- and can't wait to see what opportunities the new year brings.

Faithfully,
Dee Anne+

*Howard Thurman practiced what he preached in this poem. He served as Chaplain at Howard University and Boston University, studied with Gandhi, influenced Martin Luther King and helped found the Fellowship

of Reconciliation, among other things.

Vestry Update for December 2016

At our meeting in December most of our time was spent on pledging to date and a review of the proposed budget for next year. The minutes from November's meeting and the treasurer's report for November were reviewed and approved as submitted. Pledges through November are about \$33,000 less than last year at this time. To date 99 pledges for \$172,000 have been received. Of the 99 pledges: 14 are new, 30 increased, 27 remained the same, and 28 decreased. Many of the decreases were due to anniversary pledges not being renewed. There is about \$33,000 outstanding from last year for which Dee Anne and Ralph Nardi will follow up

Our goal in the budget is to raise at least \$220,000 in pledge income for 2017. A preliminary budget for 2017 was reviewed. We voted on compensation for the full and part time staffs and will vote on the final budget in January. We also had a good discussion on ways other than pledging to increase our income and reduce our deficit. We discussed some possible fund raising projects, but are soliciting members of the congregation for ideas and new people to lead these efforts.

In ongoing operations, we switched to All Waste for our trash removal and recycling. You will see additional blue containers in various locations throughout the parish hall to increase the amount of items we recycle. Recycling has taken off and we are voted to get a second tote container to handle the overflow. We also made arrangements with a new snow removal provider whose rates per inch are less than what we had been paying.

With sad hearts we accepted the resignation of Becky Scalesse as our Director of Religious Education. While a search committee is being finalized to find a replacement, Kristin Liu and Raneé Bibisi will be serving as interim co-DRE's. The committee so far includes Kristin, Raneé, Jane Smith, Helen Stowe, and Ava Bibisi.

We will be soliciting bids from at least 3 companies to evaluate/assess our current sound system, and make recommendations on improving the quality of its operation and output. 4 applications (2 for out-reach and 2 for in-reach) were

presented by the Sacred Trust Committee and approved by the Vestry.

Finally, arrangements for our Annual Meeting on January 22nd with one service at 9:30 were discussed along with a preliminary slate of candidates for the next Vestry class and new committee nominees.

Your wardens,
Amy Foster & Chuck Maynard

Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday, January 22, 2017
9:30 AM combined service
with potluck brunch
Church School & Nursery Care as usual.
(Snow date: Sunday, January 29)

Annual Meeting Reports
Committee Chairs, please have your
Annual Reports in to the office by
January 11

Water Justice Institute 2017 – St. Paul’s Church will be a partner site for Trinity Institute’s 2017 Water Justice conference on March 22-24, 2017. The conference is held New York City and webcast worldwide. St. Paul’s will be live streaming the conference and facilitating discussion groups. With sharp focus on the need for water justice initiatives in areas of access, droughts, pollution, rising tides, and flooding, Trinity Institute will offer actionable guidance for individuals, congregations, and the larger faith community surrounding these issues. More information about the conference will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Christian Education News:
Director of Christian Education Update

On the last Sunday of Advent we celebrated the formal conclusion of Becky Scalesse's time among us as staff member serving as Director of Christian Education and Formation. We're thankful for the three and a half years Becky spent in this role, and that she and her family will remain at St. Paul's in other capacities.

We're equally thankful that Kristin Liu and Rane Bibisi will be serving as interim co-Directors of Christian Education this winter. They met with Becky during Advent to begin the transition.

In the meantime, a Search Advisory Committee has formed to assist the Rector in hiring this important staff position. Please be in touch with her immediately if you are interested. We will be informing the congregation of our progress, and ask for your prayers that God will send us just the right person for this vital ministry.

Because of people like you at St. Pauls, in 2017 El Porvenir:

- Ensured clean water access for 3,122 people
- Completed 21 new wells and water systems
- Dug 394 double-pit latrines to improve sanitation for 3,318 people
- Planted 89,122 trees to reforest their watersheds
- Built 119 fuel-efficient stoves that use 50% less firewood
- Attended 1,339 health education and hygiene chats

Thanks for all of your support! **The signup deadline for this year’s service trip is January 31st.** Please contact Rob Page as soon as possible.

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



A Holiday Tea Thank You! Thanks to all who made this a wonderful day for the Holiday Tea! Lovely tea cups, refreshing teas, hot chocolate, and warm cider Christmas music playing..... conversations.....visits from other tables.....delicious sandwiches, special breads, scones, cookies, slices of lemons, jellies and jams, and clotted cream..... and even gluten free foods..... and the beautiful decorations! We 'd like to acknowledge those who helped so much - Nancy & Jimmy Jermine & Al and Denise Adamczyk (also a baker), who decorated the hall; Trudy Guth, Sue Bravo, Cheryl Pavitt, Jane Smith (also a baker), Charlotte Stabach, and George Swenson who helped with the salads and sandwiches beginning at 8 AM; Greg Brunelle baked dozens of sponge cakes; the kitchen crew were on top of everything - Bob Mansfield, minded the tea water and tea bags, Karen Rowe was an all around helper wherever needed for part of the day, Juliet Hilzinger steered everything to exactly where it should be and kept an eye for manage control; our super waiters - Camille Henry, Eli Henry, Nicole Bobbi and Jimmy Bobbi did a fantastic job by keeping an eye on our visitors when they were ready for their tea and plates of food, and Eli took care of the money - every one of them with a smile and friendly face; Caroline Golschneider helped out with the tea area and many of the other items that might have fallen through the cracks, while her husband Michael was super man on the plated food; Rob Page was working where ever needed all day and was great for lifting heavy things. Finally, many thanks too for all who came and made it a lovely day! We hope it was enjoyable for all! Anyone who would like to take on next year's Holiday Tea, let Deborah Mansfield Page know by calling the Parish Office at 203-269-5050.

With a very heavy heart, I must let you and the members of St. Paul's know that I must resign as Director of the Thrift Shop soon; hopefully finding a parishioner who can take my spot over with the passion and enthusiasm I have for such, the wonderful volunteers we have whom I couldn't do what do without them, and the people of the community that we serve.

The New Year brings for me personally some new adventures and the need to return to the workforce full-time. Because of that need, I can't effectively run the shop and give it the love and commitment that it deserves to continue it's 30 year tradition.

I am delighted that, with the help and dedication of numerous parishioners of St. Paul's, we were able to bring the shop up to date this past summer and make many necessary improvements! The shop is a great resource for the church; one that I think can be expanded even further with help from more people who can realize the full-extent of the economic advantages of having the shop as well as the community service aspects of the work we do.

I will, of course, assist the person/people who step up to the plate and take over for me in all aspects that I can! I want nothing less than see it continue to succeed!

I have not mentioned it to my "Monday ladies" who help me sort & price the merchandise, but I'm sure they have an idea. I will let them know when we return after the holidays. You can feel free to run this message in the January weekly/monthly handouts to parishioners. It's important to me that we find someone soon!

Fondly,
Alesia Manicone

El Porvenir granted \$7,000 – El Porvenir, the group St. Paul's works with in Nicaragua, was granted \$7,000 dollars towards the restoration of a watershed from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Sustainable Development Fund. Without St. Paul's ongoing relationship and support of El Porvenir, these funds would not have been awarded. A big thank you to the parishioners of St. Paul's!

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.

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!



Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: Easter Vigil (April 15, 2017) and Pentecost (June 4, 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 still for sale - each ornament sells for \$10. Contact Carole Ireland for more information.



GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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 is **Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 9:00 to 11:00 am** in Wilkinson Hall, and **Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the purple room.

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

See you all soon!!

Karen Rowe, Branch Advisor & Jane Smith, Leader

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

PASTORS OF RECENT YEARS

During the summer of 1977 a calling committee was formed and immediately began produce the "Parish Profile' as required by the diocese. The Rev. Robert Hall served as Priest Interim, and Rev. Malcolm Roberts continued as Curate.

On March 12, 1978 a special parish meeting was held and it was voted to call the Rev. Dale L. Moyer as our new rector. Rev. Moyer was born in New Ringgold, Pennsylvania and attended Albright College. He then attended the Evangelical Theological Seminary while he completed his work for a B.D. degree. He then attended an Episcopal Seminary, Nashotah House and was awarded a Master of Sacred Theology degree in 1970. He had previously served parishes in Glenview, Illinois, Edwardsville, Kansas and Willington, New Jersey

Father Moyer, his wife Donna, and their three children, Melissa, Eric, and Kirsten, were soon established in the new rectory. The former rectory on Academy Street was sold and a house on Maplewood Avenue. was purchased.

In November of 1978 Rev. Roberts resigned as curate and he and his family moved to Kentucky where he became Chaplain at Fort Campbell. In the spring of 1979 the Rev. Michael Tessman was hired as Curate for St. John's and St. Paul's.

In My of 1981 Fr. Moyer resigned as Vicar of St. John's, effectively ending the "yolked" relationship which had existed for several years and announced that Fr. Tessman would no longer be curate.

St. Luke's Chapel (in memory of the Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Flisher) was consecrated on October 18, 1983. In the summer of 1984 Josephine Taylor was appointed as Curate. (She was ordained in May of 1985.) The property at 1 Wayne Road was purchased as the curatage..

On May 6th, 1986 the Thrift Shop had it's grand opening in a portion of what is now called Wilkinson Hall. In the fall of 1986 the idea of moving the altar forward began. Father Moyer announced his resignation, effective February 6, 1987. He accepted

a position as rector of St. Martin in the Field, Pompano Beach, Florida. The Rev James Dalton-Thompson served as a supply priest until the Rev. Margaret Hutchins began her duties as interim priest in April, 1987. A search committee was elected and began work. .

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

Mercy Center Retreat
is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th
with Sister Judy.
A deposit of \$14 should be given to
Vivian Horvath to save your spot.

Boy Scout Sunday
February 5, 2017

