

# ST. PAUL'S LETTER

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary is home to an active, caring, and diverse congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Through corporate worship, spiritual development, fellowship, and service we continue to grow together in faith. We strive to be Christ's welcoming, reconciling, and transforming presence in the world through our many and varied ministries.*

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June, July, & August!  
Deadline is  
Wednesday, May 17  
at 10:00 a.m.  
[newsletter@stpaulscary.org](mailto:newsletter@stpaulscary.org)

## Resurrection is Here!

I did not grow up in the Episcopal tradition, so I have clear memories of my first Easter Vigil. It took place at another St. Paul's – this one in Seattle – and unlike our Saturday evening service, it took place in the early hours of Easter Sunday, before the sun had come up.

I remember the sun's rays creeping through the stained-glass windows, joining the light from our candles, as wax dripped on every pew. I remember the bells as the first Alleluia of Easter rang forth, the voices of the congregation breaking forth joyfully. I remember the people sitting next to me, marveling at a rite that felt at once ancient and new – the Good News of old, spoken anew in our lives.

Resurrection is coming, friends. Resurrection is here!

Throughout the centuries, Christians have celebrated the Easter Season by reflecting on how God calls us to proclaim the Good News of Christ in our own time and place. This Easter season, we will be reflecting once again on the story of the early church and how it informs our lives today. Please join the clergy for our Easter season adult forums as we dive into the Book of Acts – the story of the church in its first days, going out into the world in mission. Additionally, keep in mind all the other ways that we as a community live into the call to serve God and our neighbors: from Habitat for Humanity work days to our participation in the Appalachia Service Project, there are plenty of ways to be involved as well as to support others as they are sent forth to do the work that God has given us to do.

I am reminded of a sentence that is often said as the gifts of the church are brought to the table before communion: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." May we share our gifts with gratitude for what God has already done for us in Christ – and with the knowledge that God's grace is abundant indeed.

*Javier*



## Parish Update

Our next parish update is scheduled for May 7 in the sanctuary during Sunday School hour. Coffee will be available in the narthex right after the 9:00 a.m. service. There will be no coffee hour in

the parish hall. Please grab a cup of coffee and come on in and hear what's going on in the parish!

*Submitted by Sherri Hubbard*

## Warden's Corner

Worship Him

At a meeting I recently attended, we were discussing how difficult it is for ministry leaders to focus on God during worship time. Sometimes, we appear to be so caught up in church activities that we spend spiritual time making mental lists of things that need to get done. While I feel that God appreciates the many volunteer services we perform, I think that God most appreciates our occasional undivided attention. This is something that I know that I need to work on.

During one of my recent church reveries, I began to think about how much worse it would be if I worked at the same place where I worshipped. Can you imagine trying to connect with your spiritual center on Sundays only to be interrupted by well-meaning parishioners who need to tell you about something that needs to be done, or fixed, or considered, or discussed? Do

you think this doesn't happen? Have you ever approached members of our staff on Sundays to discuss church business? I do routinely. This is something else I need to work on in conjunction with attention deficit issues during worship.

What I need to remember is that Sundays are our Sabbath, the one day in our busy lives that is set aside to further our relationship with God. I also need to remember that our staff have the same spiritual needs. They work hard every week day, often late, to ensure that we have a fully functioning place in which to worship on Sunday, a place where many of the staff also worship. So, take some time to hug our staff members on Sunday and thank them for all that they do. But, consider saving the business conversations for weekdays when you will get their undivided attention.

*Sherri Hubbard*  
Senior Warden



*All Are  
Welcome*

## Hospitality, Parish Life, and Pastoral Care

### About Our Church

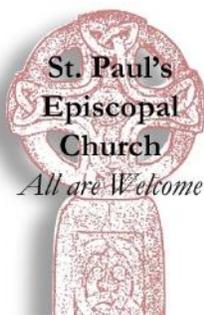
**We express our sympathy** to Frank and Anne Laney for the death of their great-nephew, Graham Laney; to Mary Virginia Welles for the death of her husband, Francis Raymond Welles; to Sarah Collins for the death of her father, John Frost; to Frances Rose for the death of her mother, Ola Avis Royce Pierce; and for the Rt. Rev. Alfred "Chip" Marble, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi (resigned) and former Assisting Bishop of North Carolina.

**We rejoice in the baptism** of Mason Brown, son of Philip and Alicia Brown; Jane Amelia Garcia-Khan, daughter of José Garcia-Parra and Shamim Khan; Henry Albert Garcia-Khan, son of José Garcia-Parra and Shamim Khan; Lucas Alexander Bosser, son of Robert and Jennifer Bosser; Luka Mathew, son of Thomas and Poppy Mathew; Soleil

Mathew, daughter of Thomas and Poppy Mathew; and Sohani Mathew, daughter of Thomas and Poppy Mathew.

**We rejoice in the Confirmation of and the Reception of** Janelle Ruth Burnette, Melvin Warren Burnette, Brenna Diane Connors, Sarah Grace Elam, William Nigel Fisher, Abby Geigerman, Win Geigerman, Janet Bailey Griffin, Brad Hirschy, Elise Amanda Hubbard, Ashleigh Ella June, Kimberley J. King, Monica Ann Lainez, Linda Lytvinenko, John W. Lytvinenko, Carl H. Meinelt, Cynthia Ann Mial, Ashley Oliver, Lydia Ann Oliver, Linda Claudette Rudisill, Emily Ann Schertz, Caroline McKinley Sechler, and Penny Lynn Tennian.

*Submitted by Melanie Fairbrother*  
Office Manager



## St. Paul's Annual Picnic

Everyone is invited to gather for St. Paul's Annual Picnic which will be held on Sunday, May 21. We will have two worship services, 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with food service and picnic fun beginning immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. The St. Paul's Men's group will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as chips and dessert. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Children's Ministries will be hosting a giant inflatable slide, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and other forms of fun for the children. This will be a wonderful way to kick off the summer, so

please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



Join us at the **Parish Picnic!**



### Ministry of the Week



May 7	Vestry (Parish Update)
May 14	Fellowship / Mother's Day
May 21	Parish Picnic
May 28	TBD

## Those Who Do!

We give thanks this month for the service of the following parishioners:

**Mary Marsha Cupitt:** Founded the St. Nicholas ministry in 1981 and is still ministry leader after 35 years of making Christmas wishes for underprivileged children come true. Helped found and leads the Refuge 4 Refugees ministry and continues to help the refugee families with daily needs. Also, she originated the annual Children's Christmas Pageant, including the idea for the parade of baby animals wandering down the aisle on the way to the manger.

**Katie and Maggie Loughlin:** Members of St. Paul's since birth, they have been continually active in Sunday School activities and are stalwart EYC participants, including several years volunteering for ASP. Most of all, they have been great role models for the younger youth and they will be sorely

missed when they graduate high school this year.

**Mulch Maniacs:** Julia and Brian Rudy, Jeff Kager, Fill Bowen, Chuck Hubbard, Dennis Pfeiffer (and grandson) and Ron Barbee (riding bronco on his fork lift). The grounds look great with the fresh mulch!

**Andy Kintz:** Spied on a ladder on a beautiful Sunday afternoon sanding down and refurbishing the wooden cross that graces the entrance to the church parking lot. What a great offering for the season!

If you know of a group or individual that deserves some special recognition for services they have performed for our parish, please let me know at [chubbard12@me.com](mailto:chubbard12@me.com).

*Submitted by Sherri Hubbard*



**BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS,  
DO NOT BE WEARY  
IN DOING WHAT  
IS RIGHT.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, NRSV



## Habitat Continues!

The Episcopal Habitat build is in full swing! Our next St. Paul's volunteer day is May 20, but you can always volunteer any available workday. To volunteer, you must register at <http://vhub.at/EpiscopalBuild17>. Volunteers who are

16-17 years of age can find a parent waiver form at the registration website. If you have any questions, contact Dave Mackie at [dwmackie@gmail.com](mailto:dwmackie@gmail.com) or phone or text at 919-260-6706.

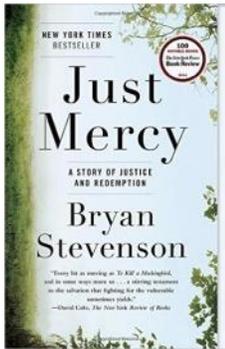
## Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group will meet Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the bride's room to discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. From Amazon: "Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic,

gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice." This will be a powerful book to read and discuss, so we hope you will join us.

We would love to have you join us for our discussions – even if you haven't finished the book! If you have any questions, contact Leah Dail at [LeahDail@gmail.com](mailto:LeahDail@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Leah Dail*



## Newcomers Class

## Newcomer Class continues in May

The Newcomer Class is for all who are interested in learning about St. Paul's, the larger Episcopal Church, and opportunities in which to participate. The class will continue on the first two Tuesdays in May, May 2, and May 9, in the chapel, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. The classes are not a continuing series., so feel free to attend as many as you can.

The classes are led by Father George, with other clergy, staff, and ministry leaders participating to share information about the many ministry groups. For more information about the class, contact Frank and Anne Laney, [annewlaney@gmail.com](mailto:annewlaney@gmail.com), (919) 460-0835.

*Submitted by Anne Laney*

## ASP Chore Day, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Youth and adults who are going on the Appalachia Service Project are teaming up to do various jobs at parishioners' houses as a fundraiser for our trip.

If you have work that lends itself to a group effort, yard work for example, hire us to do it! We don't charge for our work – you make a donation to our ASP trip

instead. Let us help you get some spring chores done! Contact Susannah Vitaglione ([susannahv@gmail.com](mailto:susannahv@gmail.com)) to sign up to have a job done.

Youth and adults, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAA2CA46-aspspring> to volunteer.

*Submitted by Leah Dail*



## Taizé Service

### May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

The youth of St. Paul's invites everyone to a Taizé Service. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons.

There is no preaching. Come join us for a quiet, reflective, and contemplative prayer service.

*Submitted by Leah Dail*



## Lifelong Learning Programs

**Car Care Class:** Wheels4Hope would like to sponsor a FREE, hands-on, basic Car Care class at St. Paul's provided there is sufficient interest. Topics would include how to check fluids



and tires, how to change a tire, car safety, interior and exterior care, using a maintenance schedule, and how to save money on car repair. As part of St. Paul's Outreach, it would also be an opportunity to learn how Wheels4Hope blesses families in our local community. If you would like to attend, please email Mike Sweeney at [mas223@ymail.com](mailto:mas223@ymail.com). Based on response, we will get it scheduled.

**Healing Touch:** The Healing Touch offering continues into May. Healing Touch is an energy-based approach for health and healing that is led by parishioner Linda Huckabee and is being

offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Please contact Linda at [lindabee@gmail.com](mailto:lindabee@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Digital Single Lens Reflex**

**Photography:** The 4-part DSLR photography class that will start in May has two spots left. Please email Dan Loughlin at [danloughlin@gmail.com](mailto:danloughlin@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**SoulCollage Workshop:** SoulCollage is both an intuitive personal art form and a spiritual process which involves exploring one's life through recognizing and honoring the different aspects of the authentic self and giving voice to the soul through collaged images. Workshops will be offered in the Curry Center and are open to everyone. Workshop fee of \$35 includes materials and snacks. The next workshop is scheduled for May 6. If you are interested, contact Becky Hambrick at 919-219-5676 or [beckyhambriksd@gmail.com](mailto:beckyhambriksd@gmail.com).

Look out for additional offerings on topics such as parenting, adoption, spiritual coaching, and internet security in the coming months!

*Contributions by Dan Loughlin, Mike Sweeney, and Sherri Hubbard*



## Overwhelmed with "Stuff"?

Are you realizing that you have too many things that need spring cleaning? Or perhaps there is a move coming, maybe downsizing? Join us for some tips about organizing and "rightsizing" your clutter. Or if a move needs planning, learn how to choose the best furniture pieces, pack, and set up your new home.

Susan Stanhope, a Certified Senior Move Manager, will be sharing the

secrets of all these activities Wednesday, May 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the youth wing. Help welcome her by bringing a snack. The Senior Ministry will provide beverages. Please RSVP using the [Sign-up Genius](#) or contact Jean Huey [jehuey@outlook.com](mailto:jehuey@outlook.com) or 919-303-5769 to RSVP and for transportation needs.

*Submitted by Gerri Batchelor*



Susan Stanhope



## Blood Drive, May 20

Have you ever thought about donating blood and just didn't get around to it? Now is your chance! On Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, we will be having a blood drive at St. Paul's. By donating blood, you can save up to 3

lives! The sign up is on the church website. Questions, please contact Lisa Walt at [lisa.walt@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.walt@yahoo.com).

*Submitted by Gerri Batchelor*

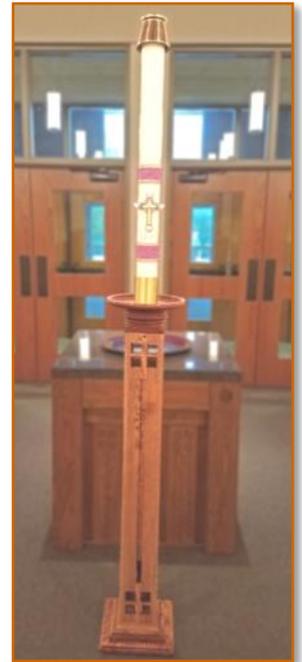


## Thank you for new Easter Banners and Paschal Candle stand

Didn't the church look marvelous on Easter Day? Special thanks goes to Jan Barbee and Barbara Brickman who handmade the new Easter banners. They certainly brightened our Easter celebration.

Also it is hard to miss our new Paschal Candle stand. Thanks for the handcrafted stand goes to Andy Kintz. It is another great addition to our worship space.

*Submitted by Ann Babb*



# Education and Spiritual Development



## Preschool News

The preschool is in full bloom this May. Special thanks to our wonderful Garden Parents who took the children out to plant and dig in the dirt! Our classroom garden will soon be filled with beautiful tulips, daffodils, and other colorful flowers!

The 4's and TK classes had another successful field trip to the Buckwheat Farms to pick strawberries. They saw the horses and other animals, learned about the strawberry plant, picked yummy strawberries, and enjoyed a picnic lunch. They even brought back some delicious strawberry ice cream!

The children are gearing up for Mother's Day. The teachers and children always look forward to showing our amazing Preschool Moms how much they are loved! We have the BEST moms at St. Paul's Preschool!

The 3, 4, and 5 year olds are busy learning songs for the end of year celebration and are excited to perform

for family and friends. Our end of year celebration will be held Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the church. After the celebration, we will gather in the parish hall for cake and Summer FUNdraiser. We will be raffling off themed baskets and other items donated from the community. The proceeds will go towards purchasing mulch for the playground and a vacuum cleaner for the preschool. All are welcome to join us for the celebration!

The preschool has a few openings in our 2 day 2's, 4 day 4's, 5 day 4's and TK programs for the 2017-2018 school year. Please pass this information to friends and neighbors and post on any websites at your disposal. Our teachers are extremely creative, caring and fun! Come LOVE, LAUGH and LEARN with us!

Happy May!

Blessings,

*Brooke Bowersox*

## Super special Summer S(f)undays!

Children's Ministries would like to invite everyone to super, special summer Sundays of fun! Our activities will include our regular Children's Chapel, as well as a few "Playground Parables" where we will gather on the playground during lemonade time to share a popsicle and a short parable lesson. Some Sundays we will just have fun, to just have fun!

Please refer to the schedule below (schedule subject to change due to weather or scheduling issues)

Date	Special Summer Sunday Activity during Lemonade Time	Chapel Lesson	Playground Parable during Lemonade Time
05/21/2017	Parish Picnic – Inflatables	Time for a Vacation	None due to Picnic
05/28/2017	No Special Activity	No Chapel	No Playground Parable
06/04/2017	Note in the Pocket Sort Day	Pentecost / Note in the Pocket	Note in the Pocket Sort Day
06/11/2017	Cake for St. Paul's Birthday (June 8, 1958) We are 59!	Tour Church grounds / St. Paul's History	The Great Family
06/18/2017	Popcorn and Sodas for Ms. Christa's birthday and for Father's Day	Noah and the Ark (scavenger hunt for animals)	Exile and Return
06/25/2017	Rock Painting for Raleigh Rocks! (popsicles)	Moses parting the Red Sea... water hoses?	None (Rock Painting)
07/02/2017	No Special Activity	No Chapel	No Playground Parable
07/09/2017	Bomb Pops (red, white and blue) for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Jonah and the Whale	Parable of the Mustard Seed
07/16/2017	Ice Cream Sandwiches	Holy Baptism	Parable of the Good Samaritan (youth)
07/23/2017	Bubbles and Sidewalk Chalk (popsicles)	Rainbow fish	None (Bubbles and Sidewalk Chalk)
07/30/2017	Sweet Tea and S'mores (cook them on the sidewalk)	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Non (S'more Sidewalk Bake)
08/06/2017	Sunglasses and popsicles	Seeing Clearly-the Road to Emmaus	Youth Production
08/13/2017	Sprinkler Sunday (Ice Cream Sandwiches or Popsicles)	Through the Deep Water	None (Sprinklers)
08/20/2017	Shorts Sunday (Popsicles)	Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	Parable of the Sower
08/27/2017	Slurpee Sunday (snow cones!)	Back to School, Peter's Confession	None (snow cones)
09/03/2017	No Special	No Chapel	No Playground Parable
09/10/2017	Sunday School Starts		

## Children's Ministries



**Christine Ingram**  
 Children's Ministries  
 Director  
 919-467-1477, ext. 19



## Communion Class Congratulations

Congratulations to our Communion Class participants. These children completed three instructional classes with our clergy and were honored at a special coffee hour on April 2. This year's communion class participants are: August Barton Olson, Lilly Annabelle Woodson, Isabel Amelia Lainez, Liam Joseph Rubin, Brendan Patrick McGinley, Ella Marianne Springfield, William "Liam" Warren Evaul, Penn Emory Joyce, Henry Lee Collins, Eliza Mei Lowe, Logan

Ronald Joyce, Catherine Anne Ingram, Nicholas Benjamin Bosser, Bridget Nicole Deese, Rachael Lenore Concini, Adam Brooks Campbell, Sarah McKenzie Pearce, Charles Robert Chappelle, Evelyn "Evie" Anne Lyerly, Layla Marie Wood, Avery Genevieve Boles, Cooper Blaire Buchanan, Thomas David Dohrmann, Margaret Abigail McQuiggan, Carter Brown and Jack Joseph Trainor



**Communion Class**

Thanks to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers!



## Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers

Sunday school completes the 2016-2017 year on May 7. Children's Ministries would like to thank all of this year's teachers for their generosity in sharing their time and talents: 3 year olds – Sandra Talbird, Richard Gray, and Allison Moon; 4 year olds – Jane Womack, Cathy Connors, and Rachel Crigger; kindergarten – Barb Villano, Francine Pearce, and Tara Muller; 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Jodi Jeffries, Vickie Deese, Lydia Wong, and Amy Joyce; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – LaQuinta Jernigan, Christina Catton,

Anna Pittman, and Melissa Reddan; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Sherri Hubbard, Christina Ammerman, Myrna Belington, and Josh Geigerman; 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Susan Hill, Guy Antonides, Heather Gates, and Marcia Hardenbrook; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Ramsey McIntire, Mike Tanner, Lynn Tovar, and Steve Villano.

We are already filling in teaching opportunities for next year, so please contact Christine Ingram if you would like to teach Sunday school in 2017-2018!



## Note in the Pocket Sort Day...Coming Soon to a Parish Hall near you

We've been collecting for almost an entire year for this one special day and we have almost reached our goal! We are just \$800 short of the \$3000 we need to host our Note in the Pocket Sort Day, June 4! Thank you to all the children (and adults!) that have been contributing to the children's ministries collection basket.

Our sort day will be held in the parish hall on June 4, starting at 10:15am. Note in the Pocket will be delivering mountains of clothes that we will need to sort into "acceptable" and "recyclable" piles, then by size and gender. Many, many hands will be needed. Please keep an eye on your email to RSVP to participate in this special event! And, keep those dollars and cents rolling in... we are almost to our goal!

## VBS-Abundance Orchard: Where Faith Grows!

Mark your calendars for our annual Vacation Bible School, July 10-14 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon). Through stories, crafts, science, and music, we will learn about planting your "garden," being "fed," growing with Heifer International, and growing with your friends! Come join us for a week of fun and learning and let your Faith Grow!

All children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate. Spaces are limited so be sure to turn in your registration form by May 15 to reserve a spot. Registration

forms are available in the narthex, by the bulletin board in the education building and in the church office. We will need youth helpers and lots of adult volunteers as well.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders – think you are too old for VBS? Think again! This year's VBS will have special activities just for you! You won't be rotating through all the activities with everyone else – your group will be pulled out to do some extra fun "bigger kid stuff." Don't spend lots of money on a camp – come spend the week with us instead!!!

Registration forms are available in the narthex and the parish hall. Hope everyone can join us!

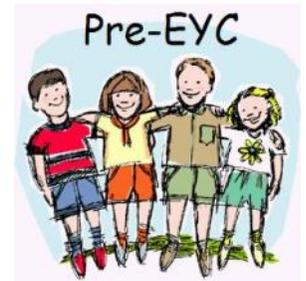


## Pre-EYC = Outreach and Fun

Pre-EYC has had such a wonderful year. They volunteered in so many ways: taking Halloween candy to Glenaire residents, making Christmas cards for St. Nicholas families, setting up for Family Promise, sorting clothing for Note in the Pocket, packing lunches for the Brown Bag Ministry, packaging food at the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina, and a family picnic where we welcomed the rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders! What a wonderful way to start the children off in their life of service to others.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mike Tanner and Tad Richard for being such great advisors for the Pre-EYCs! We appreciate your guidance!!! And, another thank you to all the parents that helped at our meetings and provided food!!!

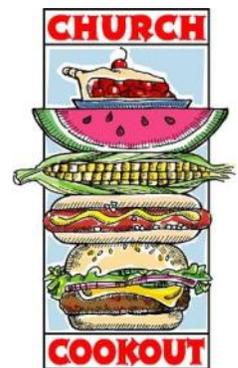
We are already looking forward to next year! All rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, starting September 24, 2017. We meet from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun!!!



## Picnic Fun!

St. Paul's will have its annual Parish Picnic on May 21. There are two worship services that day: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service will be the picnic, hosted by the Men's Group. Wear your

casual clothes and come enjoy great food and fellowship! CHILDREN – we will have a giant slide in the parking lot during the picnic! We will also have bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and other general merriment!

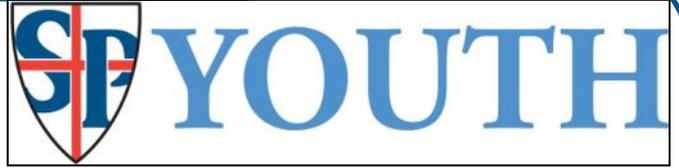


### 2017 Children's Ministry Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
May 7	Last Day of Sunday School
May 14	Mother's Day / No SS / Recognize 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
May 21	St. Paul's Annual Parish Picnic
May 28	No Children's Chapel / Service schedule changes to 7:30, 9:00, & 10:45 AM
June 4	Note in the Pocket Sort Day at St. Paul's 10:10 AM
June 11	Special Summer S(f)undays Begin
July 2	No Children's Activities
July 10-14	VBS 9 AM – 12 NOON
Sep 3	No Children's Activities
Sep 10	Sunday School Begins / Service schedule changes back to 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 AM
Oct 29	Pumpkin Carving 5-7PM
Dec 15	Pageant Rehearsal 6-8 PM
Dec 16	Pageant Rehearsal 9 AM – 12 NOON
Dec 17	Christmas Pageant at 9 AM Service



*Fostering the love of  
Christ in the youth of  
St. Paul's.*



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*The mission of the Youth Ministry is to develop a spiritually rich community of young people through fellowship, fun, education, service, and worship. Our Core Development Values are the foundation of our ministry and define what is most important. They are:*

✦ Fellowship ✦ Education ✦ Fun ✦ Growth ✦ Spiritual Development ✦ Service ✦ Inclusiveness ✦ Respect

## Youth Formation

Come join us for Youth Faith Formation! There is a middle school class for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and another for high schoolers, grades 9-12. The formation hour is from 10:15-11:00 a.m. (between services). Middle schoolers meet in the youth wing and high schoolers meet in Room 10 of the education building.

Our curriculum is *Episcopal Curriculum for Youth*, from Virginia Theological Seminary. The upcoming lessons are:

May 7	Peace & Justice: Is God Just?
May 14	No Youth Formation
May 21	Peace & Justice: The Last Shall Be First
May 28	No Youth Formation

### Episcopal Youth Community

Every young person in grades 6-12 who attends St. Paul's is welcome to be a part of the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). Friends are always welcome to attend. EYC gathers on Sunday nights for fellowship and fun activities from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with a shared meal at 6:30 p.m. Our mission is to develop a spiritually rich community of young people through our programming and the presence of faith-filled adults.

### May EYC Schedule:

- May 7 – Taizé Service Prep
- May 14 – No EYC – Spend the day with your Mom!
- May 21 – End-of-Year Picnic – Location TBD
- May 28 – No EYC – Celebrate Memorial Day!

## OTHER EVENTS:

### Middle School Girls Small Group, Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM

**“But by the grace of God I am what I am”** 1 Corinthians 15:10

Join us for special time together to discuss self-esteem, body image, and body confidence. Research has highlighted a universal issue: that beauty-related pressure increases while body confidence decreases as

girls grow older – stopping young girls from seeing their real beauty. Using videos, journaling, drawing, and other activities, we hope to help each other recognize our innate beauty and gifts.



### Middle School Boys Small Group, Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7 PM “Who Am I?”

It's a chance for middle school boys to spend time together to explore the question “Who am I?” We will start with the question of where you find our identity – in the things that you can do, the way you

look, the friends you hang out with, and other ways. Then let's go on to see what our true identity in God is. We will look at scripture, play games, do some activities, and have a fun, relaxed time together.

# High School Spring Break Pilgrimage: *What You Do for the Least of These*



The High School Youth Spring Break Trip stayed local this year. We slept at St. Paul's and took day trips to Greensboro, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh. Highlights were a visit to the International Civil Rights Museum, working at Penny Road Community Garden for adults with mental illness, learning to spin plates from a street performer (!), watching "The

Common Link" documentary about Lebanon, seeing Father B.J. Owens at St. Andrews in Greensboro, and trying a challenging Escape Room game (sadly, we didn't break out in time). We explored themes of understanding and caring for marginalized or discriminated-against populations in our nation and learned more about what God is calling us to do.



## Senior Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual Senior Luncheon so successful. We enjoyed great

food and fellowship together and got ideas for more events together in the future. Look how much fun we had:



## Youth Confirmation 2017

Congratulations to the 11 youth who were confirmed Easter Sunday. Thank you to the clergy, parents, and adults

who helped make this happen and supported the youth in their journey.



## Coming Up In Adult Formation In May

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**In the Chapel, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to attend the May 7 Sunday morning class entitled “The Acts of the Apostles, Part II.” Coffee is available in the chapel before class. This is the last class in our spring adult formation program schedule. Watch for news about formation opportunities this summer on the St. Paul’s website and in bulletin notices.



Adult Formation

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**CENTERING PRAYER.** “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46). The psalmist describes both the method and the goal of centering prayer: a silent consent to the presence of God in our hearts, in our lives. A combined St. Paul’s / Cary Presbyterian Centering Prayer group meets in the parlor on the main floor of Cary Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays. Come join us! For more information contact Martha Waters, [Martha.wtrs@gmail.com](mailto:Martha.wtrs@gmail.com).

**JULIAN GATHERING.** Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:15 a.m. for contemplative prayer and the study of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a 14<sup>th</sup>

century mystic and author of *The Revelations of Divine Love*, often acknowledged as one of the world’s great spiritual classics. For more information, contact Lanny Wase, [lannywase@mac.com](mailto:lannywase@mac.com), 919-466-9050.

### PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS AND CULTURES TOGETHER (PACCT).

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the youth wing to discuss race relations and diversity in our community and America. For more information text Andrea at 919-348-9599.

**THE WOMEN’S STUDY GROUP.** A group for women who are interested in reading and discussing literature. The group alternates reading fiction and non-fiction each month. Many, but not all, of the selections have spiritual /religious themes. Meetings are monthly on the second Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the bride’s room. Child care is available on request. For more information, contact Leah Dail, [LeahDail@gmail.com](mailto:LeahDail@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Beth Barnes  
and St. Paul’s Adult Formation Committee*

## Refuge for Refugees – ESL Training May 7, 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Learning to speak English is a critical skill needed for successful integration of refugee families into U. S. culture.

If you would like to volunteer to help the refugee families supported by St. Paul's learn to speak English, then please join us for beginning English as a second language (ESL) training on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Parishioner Gale Herrman, who teaches ESL at Wake Tech, will provide us with information about how to get started teaching ESL. We look forward to learning about how to assist our refugee families in developing effective English skills.

*Submitted by M M Cupitt*

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## Transportation to Church for a Refugee Family

One of the refugee families we re-settled in 2016 loves coming to St. Paul's for church. We would like to arrange rides so that they can come more often. They live in North Raleigh and would be a group of 5 or 6, so a minivan or an SUV with lots of seats is

necessary! We want to bring them to the 9:00 a.m. service so the kids can go to Sunday School. Can you commit to driving them one way, one Sunday a month? Or round-trip? See the website to sign up if you can help!

*Submitted by M M Cupitt*



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## Dorcas Ministry Update

### *St. Paul's Volunteer News*

We welcome Lauren Campbell, Cathy Currin, Jenny Smith, Olivia Itoop, and Mike Sweeney as our newest volunteers. Lauren will be volunteering with Crisis Ministry or the Food Pantry; Cathy does Pricing; Jenny will be in the Thrift Shop or Food Pantry; Olivia will be starting as a Cashier; and Mike will be starting in the Training Center.

### *Toilet Paper Collection News*

We continue to have wonderful parish support for our monthly toilet paper collection. So far in 2017, we have had 1,538 rolls donated. Thank you for supporting this effort. Our next collection will be Sunday May 14. Look for the bins in front of the narthex.

### *Dorcas Ministries News*

Dorcas Ministries is looking for a couple of volunteers for the Training

Center. Ted volunteers in the Training Center so you can get the first-hand information from him. Volunteers are always needed in the Thrift Shop, Pricing, or Intake.

If you think you would like to volunteer, contact Ellen at [efrazier@dorcas-cary.org](mailto:efrazier@dorcas-cary.org) or call 919-469-9861, ext. 101. I can provide a paper application or you can apply online for any volunteer position: <http://dorcas-cary.org/donate-volunteer/>.

The Dorcas Thrift Shop is located at 187 High House Road in Cary. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about Dorcas Ministry, contact me at [nfierke@bellsouth.net](mailto:nfierke@bellsouth.net) or call me at 919-467-8807.

*Submitted by Nancy Fierke  
Dorcas Ministry Leader*



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## Thanks to Music Ministries Participants

Thanks to all of the ensembles that participated in special music throughout Lent and on to Easter Day. And that would be all of the eight ensembles! Many thanks to the volunteer musicians and to organist, Joanna Li, and music associate, Andrea Dreier, for their great work.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to plan and prepare music each and every Sunday and for special services and events throughout the year. Somewhere around seventy people

currently participate in ensembles that perform at church and that number is growing.

The handbell choirs, children's, and youth music all take a summer hiatus. And the St. Paul's Choir takes a break from mid-week rehearsals from June-August. But planning for next fall is already beginning and we will hit the ground running by early September with all groups.

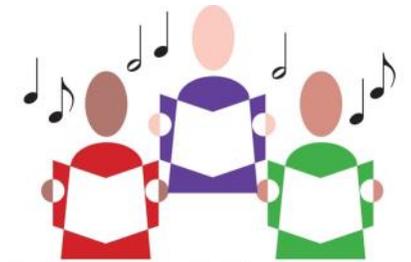
Look for projected start-up dates in the summer edition of the newsletter.

## Summer Time is a Good Time to Join Choir

The 9 O'clock Choir and St. Paul's Choirs continue to sing for most Sunday services throughout the summer. There are no mid-week rehearsals for either group in the summer time. We gather on Sunday mornings (8:30 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. service and 10:15 a.m. for the 10:45 a.m. service) to go over the day's music. The workload is lighter and gives you an

opportunity to ease into the experience before the busy fall agendas begin.

Contact Rusty McKinney, Minister of Music, [rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org](mailto:rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org) or call on the music department line at 919-467-6241 if you are interested in joining an ensemble.



Music Ministry

Tuesday		
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Bells of St. Paul's (Adult)	Church
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Canterbury Bells (Youth Gr. 6-12)	Church
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Canterbury Choir (Youth Gr. 6-12)	Choir Room / Church
Wednesday		
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Epiphany Choir (Children Gr. K-2)	Church
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Advent Choir (Children Gr. 3-5)	Choir Room
6:45 - 7:15 p.m.	Advent Bells (Children Gr. 3-5)	Church
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Choir (Adult)	Choir Room / Church
Sunday		
8:30 a.m.	9 O'clock Choir (Adult, Teen)	Choir Room
10:30 a.m. (10:15 a.m. beginning May 28)	St. Paul's Choir (Adult)	Choir Room

The basic rehearsal schedule, used from September through May, is listed above. During the summer season (May - August) some ensembles do not rehearse, and others are on slightly modified schedules. Contact the Minister of Music for details.

*All ensembles are under the direction of Rusty McKinney, except for the Epiphany Choir, which is led by Andrea Dreier.*

Contact Rusty McKinney, Minister of Music, at [rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org](mailto:rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org) or at 919-467-6241 if you are interested in learning more or to join an ensemble.

## Sunday Schedule

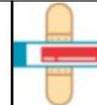
7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Eucharist Rite II  
 8:45-12:30 Kids' Club 11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel  
 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m. Pre-EYC (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship-Coffee 5:00 p.m. Middle School EYC  
 10:10 a.m. Education Hour 5:00 p.m. High School EYC



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## Wednesday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Prayer Stitches  
 12:15 p.m. Liturgy Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Advent Choir  
 6:45 p.m. Advent Bells  
 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Choir

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:00pm AA	2 7:00pm Mystery Book Club 7:00pm PACCT 7:00pm Lean In Circle 7:00pm Newcomers	3 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Adult Formation	4 2:00pm Senior Ministry 6:00pm Compensation Com.	5 2:00pm Senior Ministry 6:00pm Compensation Com.	6 ASP SPRING CHORE DAY 8AM - 12NOON 9:00am Lifelong Learning - SoulCollage	
7 SUNDAY SCHEDULE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 7:00pm Refugee/Refugees 7:00pm Taizé Service	8 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Veterans Ministry 7:00pm AA	9 12:00noon Women's Study Grp. 1:30pm Arts & Crafts Com. 7:00pm Newcomers 7:00pm Youth Com. 7:00pm Canterbury Choir	10 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 2:00pm Senior Ministry 7:00pm Adult Formation	11 7:00pm Contemplative Studies w/ T. Merton	12 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL	13 9:00am Lifelong Learning - Healing Touch
14 SUNDAY SCHEDULE MOTHER'S DAY No SS / Recognize 5th Graders 	15 7:00pm Vestry 7:00pm AA	16 10:00am Com. Com. 6:00pm Middle School Boys Group 7:00pm MOMS 7:00pm Canterbury Choir	17 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:00am Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Adult Formation	18 6:30pm You Are Not Alone 7:00pm MLRC	19 7:00pm Rainbow Gathering	20  8:00am Blood Drive 12:00noon Treasure Keepers
21 ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC 7:30pm Rite I 10:00am Rite II 11:15am Parish Picnic	22 7:00pm Care & Share 7:00pm IT 7:00pm Adult Formation 7:00pm AA	23 6:00pm Middle School Boys Group	24 NO ADVENT CHOIR OR BELLS / NO EPIPHANY CHOIR 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Adult Formation 7:30pm St. Paul's Choir	25 6:30pm Outreach	26 PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP SET UP	27
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