



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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Deadline:

**Wednesday,
February 15
at 10:00 a.m.**

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends:

At our recent diocesan convention Bishop Hodges-Copples set before us four priorities we as a diocese need to focus upon. She invited our diocese to harness "the best of our minds, our hearts, and our bodies with the tools of evangelism, reconciliation, formation and stewardship." I'd like to invite us to engage with that message.

An area of ministry in our parish that has gained great momentum is Adult Formation. There are numerous opportunities for gathering on Sundays as well as weekdays and evenings. Most of the offerings are led by clergy, but there are others offered by members of our parish, as well as guest speakers from our diocese and community. During February the Sunday Adult Formation sessions will focus upon "The Prophetic Voices of Scripture," followed in March by a Lenten series on "Faith and the Common Life." On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in February, sessions will focus on "The Scriptures from Scratch," an introductory series on scripture. On Wednesday evenings in March, an inquirers series will be offered particularly designed for those considering being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church on Easter Day when Bishop Anne Hodges-Copples will be with us. Also during Lent there will be confirmation sessions for youth on Sunday mornings.

Racism is one of the great sins of our everyday reality. Along with clergy and some of the leaders of our parish, I have participated in the Racial Equity Institute's offerings. I highly commend this to you. One of the great challenges of racism is institutional racism which is just so strongly woven into organizations and institutions. The Racial Equity Institute clearly defines that "Racism is a fierce, ever present, challenging force, one which has structured the thinking, behavior, and actions of individuals and institutions since the beginning of U.S. history. To understand racism and effectively begin dismantling it requires fierce, consistent and committed effort".

As a parish we state "All Are Welcome," and we now have not just a

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Can You Please Help Close the Gap?

St. Paul's Vestry is in the final stages of creating the 2017 Operating Budget. In mid-January the Vestry determined that there was a \$50,000 gap between 2017 operating expenses and expected income. A call went out through email and during worship services and over the course of the last two weeks the gap has closed by \$25,000 (\$13,500 from the vestry alone!), leaving a much smaller need of \$25,000. Thank you to everyone that has been able to help fill in the gap!

But, we need your help to eliminate the remaining \$25,000 gap by February 5. If you haven't ever pledged before, please consider doing so as every dollar helps. If you have already pledged, please consider raising your pledge by any amount you are able. New pledges and increases to pledges may be made by clicking here: <http://www.stpaulscary.org/stewardship/pledge-form/> or emailing Christine Ingram, the Parish Administrator, at christine.ingram@stpaulscary.org.

Thank you for continuing to support the Missions and Ministries of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Rector's Letter (continued)

banner at the entrance to our church, but the letters of this transformational message attached to the building as a statement of the message being a part of the structure of our parish. It is a message calling us to radical hospitality.

Stewardship is always an area of growth for all of us, whether we are just beginning the life of pledging or have been on the journey a longtime and have experienced the transformative power of what pledging can do in our lives. Our

giving not only transforms our parish, enabling it to live more deeply into its mission, but it transforms each of us as we give from the gifts with which God has blessed each and every one of us.

Let's join with our brothers and sisters throughout our diocese as we strive to deepen our lives through formation, reconciliation, evangelism and stewardship.

George

A Word from Javier

I spent the better portion of the fall anticipating my ordination to the priesthood. In contrast, the weeks that followed seem to have flown by! Thank you for making my first month as a priest one to remember.

Some people have a sense of what they want to do from an early age, a defining experience which makes them turn toward their life's work. That has not been the case in my life. For me, discerning a call to ordained ministry has been a meandering path full of stumbling steps and vague inclinations – the sum of which, in some way or another, contribute to my sense of what it means to be a priest.

The Feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrated just a couple weeks ago, invites us to reflect on the God whose presence enlightens the world: a God

who shows up in unexpected ways, in season and out of season. I wonder if a part of our journey now might be to look for how God is working, not just in the defining moments of our life story, but also in the stumbling steps and vague inclinations that push us into new territory.

Our life as a community is always changing. It may be easy to look back at what we have done and who we have been to get a sense of how God is at work among us. It takes extra effort to look at where we are and what we could become. I am excited to continue to learn and grow with you, as God takes us into new territory, one stumbling step at a time.

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez Bautista



Vestry

Warden's Corner

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

There have been a number of news articles, editorials, and anecdotes about how dismal a year 2016 was. Indeed, last year we suffered through innumerable tragedies, unexpected deaths, and a truly dreadful election season. But as a nation, and as a parish, we have survived and we look forward to 2017 with hope.

Our vestry is looking forward to 2017 as well. We will lose four very valuable

members from our 2016 Committee this year, however, in January our 2017 Vestry will have finalized a budget and set goals for this year (this has not been done in time for this newsletter). The vestry is also looking forward to working both for and with the parish to achieve our goals. With that in mind, if you have questions, suggestions, or comments that you would like to share, please attend the "Meet the Vestry" coffee hour

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scheduled on February 12 and let us know your thoughts.

For those of you who are looking for something to be excited about this year, I recommend you visit our church website and view the stewardship videos that were produced last year and shown to the congregation during the month of October. Those videos are a perfect reminder of who we are and what we are about at St. Paul's. It is hard not to feel excited about our work we engage in at the church and in the community and the fellowship that flows from that work. It is clear from the videos that St. Paul's isn't just a Sunday obligation; it is a collaboration, it is a team, it is a family.

Finally, in the month of February this nation devotes an entire day to "love." Over the many years that Valentine's Day

has been celebrated it has become very commercialized as demonstrated by the proliferation of hearts imprinted on everything imaginable, all available for purchase. But love is an important message, a message that resounds throughout the Bible, which tells us repeatedly that love is the greatest gift of all. That's a pretty powerful message especially given that the messages we get from the Old Testament tend to involve a lot of death and revenge. So, as a way to dispel the blues leftover from 2016, let's celebrate, as a parish, "love." Not just romantic love but love of God, love for our family, love for our neighbors, love for our country. And, let's celebrate all year long. That's our top goal for 2017.

*With Love,
Sherri Hubbard
Your Senior Warden*

*All Are
Welcome*

Hospitality, Parish Life, and Pastoral Care

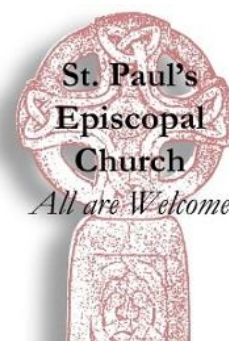
About Our Church

We express our sympathy to Peggy Weatherspoon, for the death of her mother, Margaret Williams; to Rhea Wilkins for the death of her husband, Charlie Wilkins; to Becky Furno for the death of her brother, Peter Joseph Becker, Jr.; to Gail Duncan for the death of her friend, Glenda Knight; to Ralph Greco for the death of his mother, Mary Ann Greco; to Alexia Wolfe for the death of her grandmother, Jean Clements; to the family of Bev Richards, former

member of St. Paul's; to the family of Polly Zentner, member of St. Paul's; and to the family of Hal Shook, member of St. Paul's.

We rejoice in the baptism of August Barton Olson and Mila Grace Olson, children of Daniel and Amy Olson; and the baptism of Olivia Jeanette Pfouts, daughter of Gregory and Tiffany Pfouts.

*Submitted by Melanie Fairbrother
Office Manager*



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb 28

This year, the final day in February is the last day before Lent and is exactly 47 days before Easter Sunday. This day is known in different communities by a variety of names, including "Shrove Tuesday," "Mardi Gras," and "Carnival."

At St. Paul's, we mark this day – the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent – with a celebratory community gathering and a pancake supper. The tradition of eating

pancakes represents a final hearty meal, full of sugar, fat, and eggs, before the penitential season of Lent.

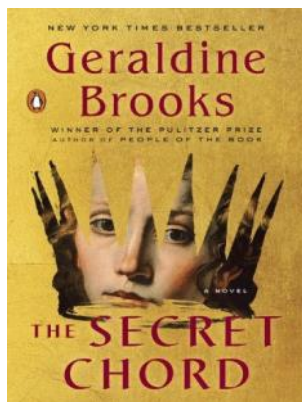
Join us on Feb. 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall for a festive gathering and a pancake supper. Costs are \$7 per adult; \$3 for each school-age (K-12) child; pre-school-age children are free, and there is a cap of \$20 per family.

Join with us in this long-standing Anglican tradition, and don't forget about Ash Wednesday services the next day.

Shrove
Tuesday



Women's Study Group



The Women's Study Group will meet Tuesday, February 14th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the bride's room to discuss *The Secret Chord: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks. This is a novelization of King David's life. Amazon Books writes, "Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage." This will be a very interesting

book to discuss so we hope you will join us. Then on March 14th we will meet to discuss *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* by Marcus Borg – our January book that got snow- and iced-out. Mark your calendars!

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.

Submitted by Leah Dail

Ministry of the Week

	Feb 5	Communications & IT Committees
	Feb 12	Meet the Vestry
	Feb 19	Care and Share
	Feb 26	MOMs Ministry

Save the Date

March 11, 2017

The Fellowship Events Team invites you to the 2nd "Annual" Fellowship Barbeque Luncheon.

Tickets go on sale in February .

Watch the bulletin for more details soon!

Submitted by Toni Holderied



Men's Beach Week 2017

Join with the men of St. Paul's in Emerald Isle, NC for a week of oceanfront fellowship, great food, and relaxation. This year's trip runs Sunday, April 23rd - Sunday, April 30th. Scheduling is flexible: pick your days or come for the whole week! See the weekly announcements for more details

and find the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Men's Group president Fill Bowen at 919-467-6961 or at fbowen@mindspring.com.

Submitted by Mike McInerney

Lifelong Learning Program Offering: Healing Touch



Healing Touch is being offered by a church member, Linda Huckabee, a Certified Healing Touch Practitioner. Healing Touch is an energy-based approach to health and healing, providing relief for the stresses of body, mind, and spirit. The program will be offered on the second Saturday morning of the month between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, starting February 11. A room

assignment will be provided. These sessions are free and last 30 minutes. Please contact Linda at: lindabee100@gmail.com with questions or to sign up.

Keep an eye out for additional Lifelong Learning offerings this spring. Offerings in the planning stages include those on adoption and parenting.

Submitted by Dan Loughlin

Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser Mt. Rushmore's Revenge Saturday, February 25th 7:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, the youth of St. Paul's will be presenting another juicy murder mystery and dinner. This year they will be performing "Rushmore's Revenge." Our mystery is set at the Rushmore Beauty Academy for Women – a steadfast Southern institution where nothing has changed in its 80-year history. But things are getting interesting when the Board of Regents decides to admit men! It's so upsetting that someone – but who?? – is driven to murder. Come help discover "who done

it."

Dinner will be a scrumptious three course Southern-themed meal. The event will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and child care will be provided. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, and there will also be a wine cash bar. Proceeds will go towards Youth Mission trips. Please RSVP at: <https://goo.gl/forms/RCvc3cbo8ejgfszH2>.

Contact Leah Dail at Leah.Dail@stpaulscary.org for more information. .



Scout Sunday Celebration

St. Paul's will once again be celebrating Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 5th. Volunteer opportunities for youth and adult scouts will be available. Our Scouts will be volunteering for the service (greeters, ushers, lectors) as well as hosting the

coffee hour that follows. Additional information will be announced in February so watch for it in the bulletin and online announcements. If you have any immediate questions or comments, please contact Kathleen Neff at kneff@nc.rr.com.

Submitted by Kathleen Neff



Appalachia Service Project (ASP): Repairing Homes, Transforming Lives – June 25 – July 1, 2017

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation – bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Their mission is to make homes "Warmer, Safer, and Drier." St. Paul's is once again going with a team of youth and adults. This year we will go June 25 -

July 1 to a location in North Carolina. There are limited spaces available for youth (rising 9th grade – graduating seniors) and adults. It's a week of hard work, lots of fun and fellowship, and many, many God moments. No construction experience is necessary; on-the-job training is provided! For more information or to sign up, contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com.

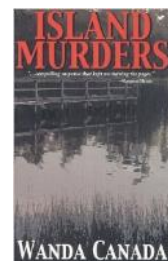


Mystery Book Club meets at Starbucks

The mystery book for February is *Island Murders* by Wanda Canada. We will meet at the Starbucks, 1107 Cary Towne Blvd, by Cary Towne Center on Walnut St at 7:00 p.m. on Feb 7th.

We meet at the Starbucks, . – near the Cary Towne Mall. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Collins 919-757-2086.

Submitted by Sarah Collins





Blessing of the Hands – February 19th at 9:00 and 11:15 AM services

The Blessing of the Hands ceremony is a tradition that is practiced around the world. During the simple ceremony, the caregiver's hands are anointed while a special prayer is read. Some speculate that the ceremony originated in hospitals from the times of Florence Nightingale, the 19th century nurse considered to be the founder of modern nursing.

Over the years, the Blessing of the Hands has evolved into an interfaith, non-denominational ceremony that is open to all caregivers – and those who serve.

The Care and Share Ministry team adopted the practice several years ago, says team leader, Margie Best. She loves the ceremony for its inclusiveness – as so very many among us are caregivers in one way or another. Our service to each other is exemplified daily in our care of our families, our fellow parish members, of our church grounds, in our

stewardship to the earth – all are part of our service to God and to the world. The spiritual experience of service to others and caregiving makes the Blessing of the Hands ceremony meaningful.

We hope you will join the Care and Share Ministry by coming forward to participate in this simple but powerful ceremony on Sunday, February 19th at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services. As this will be an especially busy Sunday for the Care and Share team (which is also hosting Coffee Hour that day), we would be grateful for volunteers – particularly those willing to drive a parish member to church that day! Please be in touch with Melinda Hansen if you can help with transportation (even if only that day) – melinda@thehouseholderspath.com – thank you for all that you do.

Submitted by Linda Cozzolino

What St. Paul's Memorial Garden Means to Me

When my husband, Roger, died unexpectedly several years ago, I needed to decide where he would be buried. As a retired Navy Reserve Officer and Annapolis graduate, he could be buried in a national cemetery. But...would that be too far away and how often could we visit his grave? Would that have been his wish? I didn't really know. My thoughts, instead, turned to the Memorial Garden at St.

Paul's and the new columbarium. I decided that Roger would be cremated and his ashes placed in the columbarium at St. Paul's Memorial Garden.

St. Paul's had been our church home for almost twenty-five years. Our wedding vows had been renewed there and our son, John, and daughter, Liz, confirmed there. My husband had been

a Scout leader at St. Paul's, and John did his Eagle project there. We had all been involved with the Farmworker Ministry for many years. Roger and I loved St. Paul's, and I remember well sitting beside him in church, very grateful for our many blessings and especially grateful for him. It seemed fitting that St. Paul's be his final resting place.

Each time I go to the Memorial Garden, I am struck by the beauty of that sacred place and by the power of nature. The open sky, the flowering shrubs, and tall trees all speak to me of the presence of God. There is a serenity and a goodness there, and it is a comfort to me that my husband be surrounded by other church members who have gone before him. It is a place where one can sit and remember and honor our beloved departed ones and find comfort. It is a place in which one can quietly give profound thanks.

Submitted by Gale Herrman



Preschool News

The preschool closed out January by having a ball....Snow BALL that is. The third annual Snow BALL was a huge success! The children dressed in their fanciest of clothes and danced the night away! Special thanks to our Snow BALL Committee and to Dan Loughlin for taking lots of wonderful pictures to capture the enchanting evening!

February is always full of fun and love at the preschool.

The children are looking forward to learning about Groundhog Day and making predictions whether or not he will see his shadow. Most of the children wish for more winter and more snow!

The children love to celebrate Valentine's Day by the creating lots of "hearty" crafts and cards for their friends and family. Red and pink hearts and glitter will soon fill the hallways of the preschool!

Several of the classes will enjoy Pancakes and PJ's Day this month as they learn about the letter "P." The preschool

always smells so delicious on cooking days!

Additionally, several classes will celebrate Mardi Gras by making beignets, eating King Cake, and participating in a Mardi Gras parade!

We are in the process of registering new students for the 2017-2018 school year.

We do have openings, so please help spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about our wonderful preschool!

Anyone interested may call the preschool office at 919-467-3788 for information.

Registration forms for Summer Fun Camp will be distributed in March. Summer Fun Camp will be held the weeks of May 30th - June 2nd and June 5th - June 8th.

Blessings,
Brooke Bowersox



Preschool News



Are you in touch with "What's Happening in Children's Ministries?"

Be in the know about Children's Ministries events at St. Paul's. Email Christine Ingram (christine.ingram@stpaulscary.org) and

request to be added to the weekly email distribution about all that is happening for children at St. Paul's.

Communion Classes

Communion classes will be taught March 12, 19, and 26 during the Sunday school hour (place to be announced). Classes are taught by clergy and are open to all children in 1st grade and up that have not received prior communion education. Classes are cumulative and children are expected to attend all 3 classes. Participants must be baptized prior to communion class participation. Participant registration forms will be available in February.

During the Sunday school hour March 26, a parent communion class, also

taught by the clergy, will be offered to all parents of children participating in communion classes. However, everyone is welcome to attend!

A special communion celebration will be held on April 2 at the 9:00 a.m. service for those children that have completed the classes (dress attire is recommended) and a coffee hour to honor the children will immediately follow the service.

Children's Ministries



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



Stewardship Update

The generosity of our children is adding up! The June 2015-May 2016 children's offering basket collection will be donated to sponsor our own Note in the



Pocket Sort Day on June 4, 2017. So far our children have collected more than \$1000 in their basket – all those quarters and dollars count! Thank you!



Teddy Bear Tea

St. Paul's second annual Teddy Bear Tea will be held on February 4, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. This gathering is for our youngest parishioners (preschoolers and lower elementary students) and their favorite stuffed animal. Children need to be

escorted by a parent, grandparent, or guardian. Light refreshments will be served and teddy bears will receive special pampering. Please RSVP by January 30 to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094DA4A623A4F58-stpauls2.

Lenten Activities



Pancake Supper – Visit Children's Ministries at the Pancake Supper on February 28. We will have a craft table for the children to enjoy! Hope to see you there!

Ash Wednesday Service for Families – Join our clergy on Wednesday, March 1 at 5:45 p.m. for a brief “child friendly” Ash Wednesday service and distribution of ashes.

Mite Boxes – Mite boxes are a wonderful way to instruct children about God's call to stewardship. Mite boxes are available by the Children's Ministries bulletin board in the education building. All funds collected in this year's mite boxes will be donated to our Note in the Pocket Sort Day.



PJ Service

Back by popular demand! As a treat for all the children, Sunday, March 12th (the Sunday when Daylight Savings begins) will be “wear your pajamas to

church” Sunday. Please follow the dress code restrictions established by Wake County Public Schools. Parents are invited to participate too!

Pre-EYC

Pre-EYCers continue to meet and stay very busy with outreach and fun! This spring they will be volunteering for Family Promise, Brown Bag Ministry, Food Bank of Eastern NC, and Note in the Pocket. They will also do a little spring cleaning on the St. Paul's playground. All 4th and 5th graders are welcome to

join us – see the Children's Ministries calendar for all our meetings and activities. Contact Christine Ingram (christine.ingram@stpaulscary.org) for more information.



Note in the Pocket Socks and Undies Drive

St. Paul's will be sponsoring another Note in the Pocket Socks and Undies Drive **every** Sunday in February. We will be collecting NEW socks and underwear (must be in packaging) for children of all ages and sizes in need in Wake County.

We will also collect new and like-new clothing and shoes for children and adults of all ages, stages, and sizes. Please help make a difference in the life of children in Wake County!



Easter Candy Donations Needed

Easter is on its way and that means it is almost time for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be using the same process as last year, where we hide empty eggs for the children to hunt. Children can collect one egg or 100 eggs....all eggs will be turned in to the egg hunt collection area in the courtyard, where the children will receive a bag of treats in exchange for their egg or eggs.

But, we need your help with donations of nut free candy and other small Easter trinkets (stickers, etc.) to put in the treat bags. Donations are needed by April 1 and can be brought to the church office or given to Christine Ingram or Christa Magee. Thank you so much for your help!



Easter Candies Needed

2017 Children's Ministry Calendar

Date	Event	Date	Event
Feb 4	Teddy Bear Tea 10:30 AM-12 NOON	Mar. 25-26	Pre-EYC Overnight Retreat
Feb 5	Note in the Pocket Collection Drive begins	Mar. 26	Communion Class #3
Feb 12	Pre-EYC Meets at Family Promise at 2:00 p.m. / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues	Apr. 2	Communion Celebration 9 AM / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive
Feb 19	Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues	Apr. 9	Palm Sunday / No Sunday School / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues
Feb 25	Pre-EYC to Brown Bag Ministry 9:30-11:15 AM	Apr. 14	Good Friday Service for Children 10 AM
Feb 26	Note in the Pocket Collection Drive Ends / No Pre-EYC	Apr. 16	Easter Egg Hunt / Bishop Visit / Confirmation / No SS / No CC / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues
Feb 28	Pancake Supper 5 PM-7 PM	Apr. 23	Pre-EYC Family Picnic / Playground Clean Up Day / Note in the Pocket Collection continues
Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday service for Families 5:45 PM	Apr. 30	Note in the Pocket Drive ends
Mar. 5	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch 11:00 AM	May 7	Last Day of Sunday School
Mar. 11	Pre-EYC to Food Bank 2 - 4 PM	May 14	Mother's Day / No SS / 5 th Grade Recognition
Mar. 12	PJ Service / Daylight Saving Time Begins/ Communion Class #1	June 4	Note in the Pocket Sort Day at St. Paul's 10:10 AM
Mar. 19	Communion Class #2		

Youth Coordinator
Leah Dail
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*Fostering the love of
Christ in the youth of
St. Paul's.*



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 6th-8th 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, no need to go by coffee hour, we will have snacks for you there. 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 :

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. We combine lots of zaniness – games, songs, lots of action – with worship and service. It's organized chaos but it works!

Feb 5	Difficult Decisions: Temple of the Living God
Feb 11	Difficult Decisions: Slave or Master
Feb 18	Difficult Decisions: Letting Go of the Past
Feb 25	Difficult Decisions: Consoling Others

Confirmation Classes for Youth

Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to make a personal decision and recommitment to the promises that were made for them at their baptism. Someone spoke for them when they were baptized, since they were so young. But now in the sacrament of confirmation the youth can make a mature decision themselves. Confirmation preparation will consist of six sessions held during the Sunday morning education hour beginning Sunday, February 26, and running through April 2. Classes will meet at the Curry Center. The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 16, by the Bishop Ann Hodges-Copple. The classes are offered to teenagers who are at least in the 9th grade and who have not yet been confirmed. The only prerequisite is Baptism. Please contact Leah Dail (leah.dail@stpaulscary.org) to enroll in the class or if you have any questions.

February EYC Schedule:

February 5: 5-6PM – Souper Bowl Food Pick Up

We will go back through the neighborhoods near St. Pauls' to pick up food donations for our Souper Bowl food collection. **Note the change in time: we will not be staying for a meal** so everyone can watch the Super Bowl (or just the commercials!). Make sure to dress for the weather and walking and bring a flashlight



February 12 – Regular EYC for HS & MS

February 19 – No EYC

We will be coming back from Bishops' Ball (see additional article on this awesome Diocesan event), so it's a night off to catch up on homework or SLEEP!

February 26 – Regular EYC for HS & MS

Bishops' Ball – February 17-19

The theme is "Ubuntu" which loosely translates to "I am because of you." This Diocesan event is full of awesome activities and workshops – and the Bishops, and this year the candidates for Bishop including our own Father George, are there. There is a formal dinner, followed by a celebration Eucharist and dance



with a DJ Saturday night. Most participants dress up for Saturday evening's festivities. The cost is \$100 and some scholarships are available. Register online at http://www.dionc.org/digital_faith/events/3169952. This is an amazing event!

Submitted by Leah Dail



Coming Up In Adult Formation In February

SUNDAY MORNINGS

In the Chapel, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend Sunday morning classes in February on the theme: "the prophetic voices of scripture." Join us as we study the Old Testament prophets and their witness. How do we make sense of their message and what do they have to teach us about our daily life and work? Coffee is available in the chapel before class.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In the Youth Wing, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

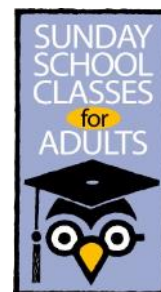
"The Bible from Scratch: the Old Testament." Many people experience scripture piece meal, a bit here and a bit there. That's how we receive it if our primary experience of the Bible comes from worship Sunday by Sunday. How might our insight change if we had a basic overview that let us comprehend how it all fits together over the long narrative of time? That is what we will encounter on Wednesday evenings through February 15. All are welcome to attend these classes. There is no sign up required. Attend all or as many classes as you can.

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.

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 14th 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, 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



**Adult Education
STUDIES**

Adult Formation – February (continued)

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our community and America. For more information text Andrea at 919-348-9599.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP



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.

*Submitted by Beth Barnes
and St. Paul's Adult Education Committee*

Outreach



REFUGE for REFUGEES

Welcome a new refugee family Feb. 26

We invite all of St. Paul's to a Welcome Home Party for our latest family, the Mahamad family from Somalia. Please join us on Sunday, February 26th, at 12:30 p.m. (after the 11:15 a.m. service) in the parish hall to celebrate this new family and their bravery. At the gathering we will also have a kick-off for St. Paul's 2017 efforts for Refuge for Refugees. Beverly Yekeson will share her experiences as a refugee and discuss ways in which we

can all get more deeply involved in helping refugees adjust to their new home. We will invite you to join a core team to welcome additional families to Raleigh/ Cary in 2017. This is the perfect time for you to get involved at a deeper level...or just reconnect at the level at which you were. See you on February 26th. A light lunch of vegetarian soup, bread, salad, cake, and drinks will be provided.

Submitted by Mary Marsha Cupitt



We Can Use Your Old Mobile Phones!

If you have recently upgraded to a new phone, or are planning to do so soon, please consider donating your old mobile phone to our refugee ministry. You can leave them in the Refuge 4

Refugees box in the church office. Questions or need a receipt? Email katiebricio13@gmail.com. Thanks!

Submitted by Katie Bricio

Heifer International

Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's who gave donations to Heifer International in 2016. The year-end total was \$6317.00. This wonderful contribution funds a Gift Ark of animals and more. Pairs of animals will be sent to families and communities in need around

the world along with education and training. The gifts promote sustainable farming, reliable incomes, and good nutrition. Thank you for supporting Heifer International in its mission to transform people's lives.

Submitted by Alison Arnold



Dorcas Ministry Update

I am happy to report that even though the toilet paper collection for January was snowed out, parishioners still managed to donate 360 rolls of toilet paper during the first 3 weeks. This is so important to the Dorcas Ministry Food Pantry since it is one item that can't be purchased with food stamps. For this reason, we are going to do the toilet paper collection on a regular schedule – the 2nd Sunday every month. Put it on your calendar and then look for the bins out front. The next collection will be Feb. 12.

We also welcome new volunteers from St. Paul's: Janet Bowen in the book department; Gerri Antonides in sorting; Guy Antonides in seasonal; and Karen Schenk in pricing.

Dorcas Ministries provides residents of its designated service area (Cary and Morrisville) emergency assistance for their essential human needs, including shelter, clothing, food, fuel, transportation, and medical care. This care is enhanced with childcare and educational assistance scholarships. In addition to emergency financial assistance, Dorcas Ministries also offers several tools to help clients become self-reliant and prevent the recurrence of financial crisis.

The Dorcas Crisis Ministry exists to serve local residents who find themselves in a temporary financial

crisis, using proceeds from the Dorcas Thrift Shop. Assistance may be given with past-due necessary bills such as utilities, prescription medicine, or housing (rent/mortgage). Residents of Cary and Morrisville may also receive food assistance from the Dorcas Ministries Food Pantry. Durable medical equipment supplies (that is, walkers, crutches, canes, or bedside commodes) are provided free of charge when in stock.

And to add to the services provided, Dorcas Ministries, in partnership with Advance Community Health, opened a primary care facility in Dorcas Plaza on Jan 3, 2017 which will offer quality, affordable Primary Care as follows:

Services and Programs	All patients are welcome regardless of ability to pay.
General Primary Medical Care for all ages Sports and Camp physicals Diagnostic tests and screenings Family planning Geriatric care Gynecological care Hearing and vision screenings Immunizations Pediatric care – newborn to adolescent Drug Assistance Program (DAP) Horizon Healthcare for the Homeless Advance Community Health Pharmacy	They accept: Medicaid Medicare Private Insurance Uninsured <i>They have a discount program based on income available for those without insurance.</i>

The Dorcas Thrift Shop is located at 187 High House Road in Cary, and the Health Care facility is 173 High House Road. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about Dorcas Ministry, contact Nancy Fierke at nfierke@bellsouth.net or call 919-467-8807.

*Submitted by Nancy Fierke
Dorcas Ministry Leader*



St. Nicholas Ministry at St. Paul's!

St. Nicholas' visit to St. Paul's on December 4th was a wonderful treat! You



contributed generously to provide gifts for ~ 400 children in our neighborhood, including 15 bicycles. Your giving reflects the love of Christ through the gifts, given in his name.



The first picture printed here shows some of the St. Nicholas volunteers and the many bags of gifts we assemble to give to local needy families. The second picture shows the volunteers (from St. Paul's and from CommWell Health) as we take

gifts for the annual St. Nicholas Day at their facility. For more pictures, check out the St. Paul's [web site photos](#) and the CommWell Health Facebook [page](#).

All of us who work in the St. Nicholas ministry have been overwhelmed, year after year, by the generosity of the St. Paul's congregation. Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your witness. Your outreach through these gifts is appreciated by people from all across North Carolina. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!

Submitted by Mary Marsha Cupitt



Wheels4Hope – Thanks to St. Paul's

Wheels4Hope Raleigh placed 154 vehicles with local families last year, which is its primary mission. One of those placements occurred at the Wheels4Hope Car Blessing held at St.

Paul's in October. Also, Wheels4Hope sells reliable, reconditioned used vehicles to the general public for

needed revenue that keeps Wheels4Hope a self-sufficient charity. Last year, Wheels4Hope Raleigh sold 116 vehicles to the public. This represents a 15% increase in Program Cars and a 10% increase in Public Sale Used Cars compared to 2015 results!! This was a

challenging feat that could only have been achieved with support from Partner Congregations like St. Paul's. Last year 3 vehicle donations and 5 referrals leading to donations came from St. Paul's members! Wheels4Hope says "Thank You" to St. Paul's for helping to turn donated cars into local blessings!

But, that is not all! There is such a great need in our local community for Wheels4Hope vehicles, the goals for Wheels4Hope Raleigh in 2017 have been set at 200 program cars and 150 public sale used cars. Wheels4Hope looks forward to a continuing, strong partnership with St. Paul's to make a difference in the lives of even more of our neighbors!!

Submitted by Mike Sweeney



Family Promise Week (Feb 12-19, 2017)

Our first Family Promise week of the year is coming up (Feb 12-19, 2017). Use this Signup Genius link to volunteer for any of the positions described below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445aea62f4-family>.

SET UP :Sunday, Feb 12, from 2-4 p.m.:

Pre-EYC has agreed to do this.

SOCIAL HOSTS: (also great opportunity for parents and kids together) This is from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Feb 13- Monday

Feb 15 – Wednesday

Feb 16 – Thursday

Feb 18 – Saturday

OVERNIGHT HOSTS: A couple will work for any of these nights, and it's OK to have two men or two women on any given night. We just try to have one of each if we can. This is from 8:30 PM to around 6:30 a.m.

Male (if possible):

Feb 12 – Sunday

Feb 16 – Thursday

Feb 18 – Saturday

Female (if possible):

Feb 13 – Monday

Feb 14 –Tuesday

Feb 15 – Wednesday

Feb 17 – Friday

SATURDAY MORNING HOT BREAKFAST:

Saturday, Feb 18, at 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING CLEAN UP: Feb 19 at

7:00 a.m.

Please send an email to Myrna Belington (tmb.jersey@gmail.com) or sign up via Signup Genius if you can help!

Submitted by Myrna Belington



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Liturgy



Join Music Ministries in February

All five vocal choirs can use more voices, and February is a good time to get involved as we come upon the Lenten and Easter seasons soon and will be preparing the music for them.

The choir for the 9 a.m. service is growing and this choir program allows the participants to enjoy music-making without a weekday rehearsal. Come on

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. to go over the music of the day.

Substitutes with experience for both Bells of St. Paul's and Canterbury Bells are always welcome. Advent Bells has 13 members, which is about all we can handle with our current equipment. But this is very good news!



Canterbury Bells Needs One More Youth

We are in particular need of one youth for the Canterbury Bells (6th-12th grader). No prior bell experience is necessary, especially if you read music and play an instrument or sing. I can get you caught up enough to join in.

If you are interested in joining music ministry contact me at rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org or call the music office 336-467-6241. See the weekly rehearsal times for all ensembles on page 16

Rusty McKinney, Minister of Music



*Ringer
Needed*

Music Ministries Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

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		
8:15 a.m.	9:00 Choir (Adult, Teen)	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir (Adult)	Choir Room

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

Facilities

Church Work Day – March 4th



Please join us on March 4th, 2017 for our next volunteer work day! Our buildings are due for a bit of maintenance and "TLC." We will need help with painting, washing, replacing, installing, removing, and even de-greasing around campus! We will meet in the parish hall at



9:00 a.m. and will be working for most of the day. Please feel free to come as you are able. For additional information or to offer up specific talents/resources, please contact Brent Hauser at 336-407-3285 or at bdhauser@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Can You Please Help Close the Gap?

St. Paul's Vestry is in the final stages of creating the 2017 Operating Budget. In mid-January the Vestry determined that there was a \$50,000 gap between 2017 operating expenses and expected income. A call went out through email and during worship services and over the course of the last two weeks the gap has closed by \$25,000 (\$13,500 from the vestry alone!), leaving a much smaller need of \$25,000. Thank you to everyone that has been able to help fill in the gap!

St. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



But, we need your help to eliminate the remaining \$25,000 gap by February 5. If you haven't ever pledged before, please consider doing so as every dollar helps. If you have already pledged, please consider raising your pledge by any amount you are able. New

pledges and increases to pledges may be made by clicking here: <http://www.stpaulscary.org/stewardship/pledge-form/> or emailing Christine Ingram, the Parish Administrator, at christine.ingram@stpaulscary.org.



Thank you for continuing to support the Missions and Ministries of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

I Am Welcome!
You Are Welcome!
All Are Welcome!

Sunday Schedule	
7:30 a.m.	Eucharist Rite I
8:45-12:30	Kids' Club
9:00 a.m.	Eucharist Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship-Coffee
10:10 a.m.	Education Hour
	5:00 p.m. Middle School EYC
	5:00 p.m. High School EYC



Wednesday Schedule	
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Stitchers
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
5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE Note in the Pocket Drive begins	6 7:00pm AA	7 7:00pm Mystery Book Club 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 7:00pm PACCT 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir	1 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:00am Prayer Stitchers 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Adult Formation	2 2:00pm Senior Ministry	3 4 TEDDY BEAR TEA 10:30am in the Parish Hall	
12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 2:00pm Pre-EYC to Family	13 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm AA	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 12:00noon Women's Study Group 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 7:00pm Youth Committee 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir	15 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:00am Prayer Stitchers 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Adult Formation 7:00pm Preschool Board Meeting	16 17 7:00pm Rainbow Gathering	18 9:00am Cary-Apex Piano Teachers Assn.	
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26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE No Pre-EYC Note in the Pocket Drive ends 12:30pm Welcome Refugee Family	27 7:00pm Care & Share 7:00pm IT 7:00pm Adult Formation Comm. 7:00pm AA	28 SHROVE TUESDAY 5:00pm Pancake Supper 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir				

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