



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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Next Newsletter

Deadline:

Wednesday, March 15
at 10:00 a.m.

newsletter@stpaulscary.org

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends:

As we enter the season of Lent I invite you to join with me in a spiritual practice I have found helpful over the years. In the early church, Lent was a time when those preparing for baptism entered into a period of 40 days of prayer and fasting. The rest of the community of faith also entered into this special 40-day period as a time to renew their own baptism. On Easter Day, all would join together to welcome the newly baptized.

Over the years, I have developed a Lenten practice of spending time in prayer and reflection on the baptismal covenant found in the Book of Common Prayer. Each week in Lent, I focus on one of the questions we ask the newly baptized during the liturgy. Please join with me during this Lenten season to engage each of these questions.

March 6: Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

March 13: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall onto sin, repent and return to the Lord?

March 20: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

March 27: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

April 3: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

As we journey together living our lives in the context of our time let us be a people rooted in our baptismal covenant. Let us enter more deeply into this wondrous call.

George



Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

5:45 p.m. – Service for Families

7:00 p.m.

Lent



Warden's Corner

THOSE THAT DO!

Someone asked me recently what the Senior Warden does. I was momentarily stymied for an explanation; thank goodness George was there. Upon later reflection, however, I see the Senior Warden role as not more important than the rest of the vestry, but just "more." More meetings, more planning, more paperwork...and, the list goes on.

The concept of "more" got me to thinking of some of the things that people in our parish do. I believe that we have an incredibly busy parish with many willing volunteers who work on various committees; teach classes for children, youth, and adults; keep our church operating, functional, and looking nice; who do a lot of things that many of us may not even know there is a need to do. But, sometimes there are people who seem to just do "more." For example, did you know that there is an actual newsletter team responsible for formatting, editing, and preparing the newsletter for mailing? This team, which includes Larry Cupitt and Lesley Dinwiddie who have volunteered for this duty for a number of years, spend as many as 30 hours each month preparing our newsletter. That's a pretty big chunk of time just to keep the parish up-to-date!

There is also a dedicated group of people who volunteer under the uninspired title of "counters" that show up for 2 ½ hours each Monday to count out the monies received in the offering plates on Sunday mornings. Counting, however, is only a small part of the process which requires approximately 8

people to complete the job in 2 ½ hours. I am told that Karen Holmes established this group over two decades ago and that the group currently includes Karen and Ken Holmes, Bill Fierke, Mike O'Dowd, Elaine Hunt, Ann Lawlor, Gail Duncan, Katie and Kurt Robinson, and Ann Lockhart. Many of these individuals have been volunteering as "counters" for a number of years.

There are so many others in our parish who have devotedly contributed their time and talents to our church, and I know I will get letters from many of you reminding me of those who were not included in this article. And, therein lies my point. So many do so much that goes unrecognized, but not unappreciated. I would love to hear from you about some of these people so that we can include a small acknowledgement of their contributions in upcoming newsletters. If you know of someone you would like to see acknowledged, email me at chubbard12@me.com with their name and their contribution.

On a special note, the inspiration for this article actually came from Dan Loughlin. If I were to list the many activities that Dan was involved in just last year, it would take the entire article. Dan never expects any recognition for what he does, but, those of us who have had the pleasure of working with him are thankful he is around.

Thanks to all of you for the work you do!

Sherri Hubbard
Your Senior Warden



All Are Welcome

Hospitality, Parish Life, and Pastoral Care

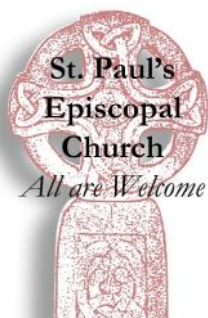
About Our Church

We express our sympathy to Lorraine Greco for the death of her uncle, Alvin Wilson; to John and Mary Hemperly for the death of their cousin, Daniel Andreotti; to Andrew Zawierucha for the death of his grandfather, Henry Kaelberes; to Brian McCrickard for the death of his brother, William Andrew McCrickard; to Tim Niles for the death of

his mother, Louise Eastman Gauthier; and to Dana Petersen for the death of her mother, Dolores McMillian.

We rejoice in the birth of Jane Amelia Garcia-Khan, daughter of Jose Garcia-Parra and Mimi Khan.

Submitted by Melanie Fairbrother
Office Manager



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 graders – 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.



Submitted by Leah Dail

BBQ Luncheon

The Fellowship Events Team invites you to the 2nd “Annual” BBQ Luncheon Saturday March 11th in the parish hall. The luncheon includes chicken and pulled pork, made with a special sauce, and served with delicious sides. Food served 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Take out is available.)

Tickets will be on sale through March 5th during coffee hour, and before and after Sunday services. Prices are \$10 for each adult and \$5 for a child.

Join us for food and fellowship.

For more information, contact Toni Holderied at 919-387-8225 or at tholderied@gmail.com.



Ministry of the Week

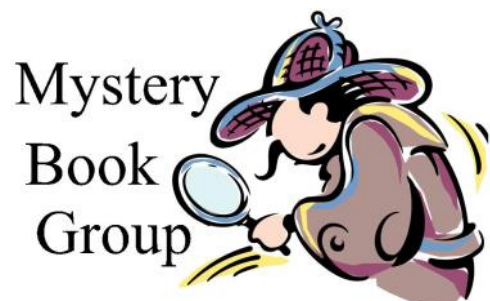
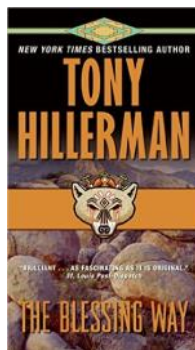


Mar 5	Scouts
Mar 12	Women's Beach Week
Mar 19	Prayer Stitchers
Mar 26	Dorcas Ministry

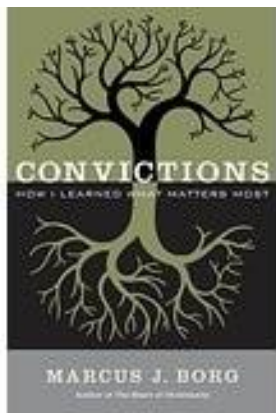
Mystery Book Group

The next mystery book we will be reading is *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman. We will meet at the Starbucks at Cary Towne Center on March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions call Sarah Collins 919-757-2086.



Women's Study Group



The Women's Study Group will meet Tuesday, March 14th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the bride's room to discuss *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* by Marcus Borg. From Amazon "On the occasion of his seventieth birthday, the renowned scholar Marcus J. Borg shares how he formed his bedrock religious beliefs, contending that Christians in America are at their best when they focus on hope and transformation and so shows how we can return to what really matters most." This will be an interesting book to discuss, so

we hope you will join us.

Here is a list of our upcoming books:

- April *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi.
- May *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

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



Men's Beach Week 2017

Men's Beach Week 2017 runs from Sunday, April 23rd - Sunday, April 30th. It's a week of fellowship, great food, and relaxation on Emerald Isle. It's also a chance to hang out with old friends and get to know new ones.

Come on down to the beach for a couple of days, or make a week out of it. If you have ever thought about it, why

not make this your year to check it out. More details and sign up forms are in the narthex now. Questions? - contact Men's Group President Fill Bowen at 919-215-4543 or at fbowen@mindspring.com.

See you there!

Submitted by Mike McInerney

ASP Spaghetti Dinner Friday, March 6th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Come support the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by The St. Paul's Men's Group. This fun

annual event is a great way to enjoy fellowship with other parishioners, raise money for the ASP mission trip, and keep your kitchen clean on a Friday night! Each table will be decorated and hosted by a youth who has gone on an ASP mission trip. The youth are looking forward to sharing stories about their experiences, revealing anecdotes about mishaps and mayhem, and discussing

what ASP has meant to them and how it has affected their lives.

There will also be the chance to bid on at least six fantastic items generously donated by St. Paul's parishioners in support of ASP. You can become a shareholder in this year's mission trip and be part of the team making this great work happen. Shareholders will be kept abreast of the mission trip accomplishments while the youth are gone and will be invited to a Thank You event upon their return.

The dinner is in the parish hall and individual dinners are \$7.00, a family eats for \$25.00, and kids under 5 eat free. No reservations are necessary.

If you have any questions about ASP, please contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com.

Submitted by Leah Dail



What St. Paul's Remembrance Wall Means to Me

When my mother, Joyce Brooks, died at 79 years old, she was buried in a family plot in Florida. She had made these arrangements herself and we honored her wishes. Cary is a long way from the wilds of south Florida.

Over the years, as I remembered my mother, I would have fragmented moments – in the kitchen, where she, my sisters, and I often cooked together – or in a pool, where she taught her children and her grandchildren to swim. I have many memories of my mother – happy, poignant, sad, life-affirming. Sometimes, in church, I would have a quiet time for contemplation (but then I'd miss the homily!). I needed a place closer to my home where I could have time to let my memories flow.

St Paul's lovely Memorial Garden with its Remembrance Wall filled my need. My husband, Ron, suggested we have Mom's name engraved on the

Remembrance Wall. This gives her a place close to our family, just as she was close to us in our lives. A garden full of peace and hope and life renewed. I suppose we all love a garden. Being part of nature and its ongoing cycle is appealing.

My mom especially loved to garden, and she gave me this gift of hard work and creativity.

Our church's Memorial Garden with its tall trees, evergreen shrubs, and blooming flowers is the perfect place for me to spend quiet time with my mom. Her spirit is there. Thank you, St. Paul's.

Submitted by Jan Barbee



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



March Senior Ministry Event Meet John Keith

Learn about the fascinating travels of John Keith and his long-standing ministry in Latin America, particularly Nicaragua. Of particular interest to St. Paul's is the founding and development of "Our Little Roses" in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Please join us 3:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon, March 18 in the youth wing. Help us welcome him by

bringing a snack. The Senior Ministry will provide beverages. It would also help if you would RSVP through the [Sign-up Genius](#) or contact Jean Huey at jehuey@outlook.com or at 919-303-5769 for transportation needs.

Submitted by Gerri Batchelor





CHURCH WORKDAY



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 degreasing 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.

Lawn Mowing – Volunteers Needed

St. Paul's has a volunteer team who mows and edges the church lawn. We will start mowing in April and could use some additional volunteers. We provide the lawn mowers. If you are interested, please contact Fill Bowen 919-215-4543.



Mulch Madness – March 25th

Join your fellow parishioners on March 25 at 8:30 a.m. to spread mulch, prune plants, and tidy up the grounds of St. Paul's. There will be a variety of jobs available – spreading mulch, weeding,

pruning, and planting. Please bring a water bottle, gloves, rake, shovel and wheelbarrow, if you have one. Please contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Education and Spiritual Development

Preschool News

The children at the preschool are ready to “March” into spring!

The 3's, 4's and TK are looking forward to enjoying a wonderful Hot Lunch Day. Parents will be able to share a pizza lunch with their child and the children will be able to experience a “cafeteria style” lunch before heading off to kindergarten.

They love carrying their trays and eating lunch in the parish hall!

The children are busy getting ready for St. Patrick's Day. Some of the children have built traps just in case the sneaky leprechaun decides to visit the classrooms at St. Paul's preschool. Luckily, the leprechaun is nice and usually leaves a treat for the students!

Excitement is in the air as the children look forward to a visit from the Traveling Tortoise. The Traveling Tortoise introduces children to the fascinating world of herpetology (reptiles and amphibians). This event provides an opportunity for the children to interact with reptiles, amphibians, insects, and other animals. The children will have an unforgettable experience, while learning about creatures from all over the world.



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Please mark your calendars for Summer Fun Camp. This year camp will be held the weeks of May 30th - June 2nd and June 5th - June 8th. Information will be sent home this month and will be available on our website.

The preschool has openings for next year, so please send your friends our way. Please have them call 919-467-3788 or visit the website to gather information about our school.

Come Love, Laugh, and Learn with St. Paul's preschool!

Blessings,
Brooke Bowersox

March Fun

- * March 1st /2nd - Camp forms sent home
- * March 8th and 9th - Hot Lunch (3's, 4's and TK)
- * March 16th - Scholastic due
- * March 17th - TK conferences (No school for TK) / St. Patrick's Day
- * March 21st - Fire Drill
- * March 24th - Camp Forms Due
- * March 30th - Traveling Tortoise
- * March 31st - No School

Upcoming Dates:

Teachers Appreciation Week, April 3rd - April 7th

Communion Classes

Communion classes will be taught March 12, 19, and 26 during the Sunday school hour on the kitchen side of the youth wing. 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 three classes. Participants must be baptized prior to communion class participation. Participant registration forms are available in the narthex. Please return the forms to Christine Ingram by March 5, 2017.



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.

Appreciating our Sunday School Teachers

Our Sunday school teachers are so wonderful and we love them dearly! Children's Ministries will be honoring them with a brunch on March 5 at 11:15 a.m. in the parish hall. You can help us by providing food for the event.

Please sign up here if you can help with food: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da4a623a4f58-food>.

Teacher
Appreciation

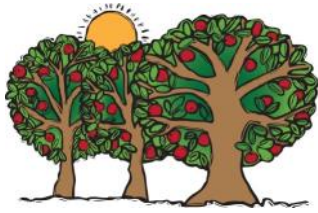


Children's Ministries



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

VBS-Abundance Orchard: Where Faith Grows!



Mark your calendars for our annual Vacation Bible School, July 10-14, 2017 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon). Come join us for a week of fun as we learn about ways to grow our faith under the brilliance of God's love!

All children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome to participate. Spaces are limited so be sure to turn in your registration form early to reserve a spot. Registration forms will be available in the narthex on March 1, by the bulletin

board in the education building and in the church office. We will also need adult and youth volunteers!

4th and 5th 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!!!



Pre-EYC Update

Pre-EYC continues to stay very busy with outreach and fun! February found Pre-EYC volunteering for Family Promise and the Brown Bag Ministry. March will also be busy as we volunteer at the Food

Bank and go on our overnight retreat! Contact Christine Ingram to join this fabulously fun group of 4th and 5th graders!



Ash Wednesday Service for Families – 5:45 PM

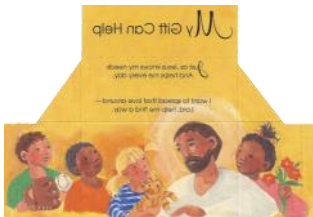
Please join the St. Paul's clergy for a simple, casual distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. This brief service is a great

opportunity for children of all ages. The clergy will explain the significance of the ashes and distribute them to all of those willing to participate.

Mite Boxes

The Lenten mite box tradition will continue in 2017. Encouraging the use of mite boxes is one way to instruct children (of all ages!) about God's call to stewardship. Mite boxes will be distributed in Sunday school on February 26 or please drop by the church office,

the narthex, or find Christine Ingram to get your mite box. Mite boxes will be turned in on Easter Sunday morning. All funds collected in this year's mite boxes will be donated to our Note in the Pocket sort day collection.



PJ Sunday

Back by popular demand! As a treat for all the children, Sunday, March 12th (the Sunday when Daylight Saving Time 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!

Easter Candy Donations Needed

Thank you to everyone who has donated candy for our Easter Egg hunt. We could use a lot more, so please drop off any donations at the church office or place in the bin in the narthex on Sunday

morning. Please turn in any candy donations by April 1 so that we have time to create the treat bags. We need individually wrapped, small candies, preferably "nut free." Thank you!



Thank You
for
Easter
Candies

Good Friday / Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited to the Intergenerational (family friendly) Stations of the Cross Service on Good Friday (April 14) at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the narthex – please bring a

jacket in case we walk around the church campus. This informal service usually lasts around 45 minutes. Hope to see you there!



Teddy Bear Tea!

Thank you so much to all the children and their bears (and their parents) for joining us at our third Annual Teddy Bear Tea! The bears enjoyed some special time with their owners including parachute play, vet checkups, an

obstacle course, dress up, coloring, crafts, and story time. A HUGE thank you to Melissa Raasch and Jenn Bosser for their help with this wonderful event.



Note in the Pocket Socks and Undies Drive

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute socks, undies, clothing, and shoes for Note in the Pocket. Your donations will be so exciting to Wake County children in need. Our final socks and undies drive will be during the

month of April, so please start cleaning out your closets and consider donating all those spring and summer clothes that still look great, but are too small. The donation bin will be located in the narthex during the entire month of April.



2017 Children's Ministry Calendar

Date	Event	Date	Event
Feb 28	Pancake Supper 5 PM-7 PM	Apr. 16	Easter Egg Hunt / Bishop Visit / Confirmation / No SS / No CC / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues
Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday service for Families 5:45 PM	Apr. 23	Pre-EYC Family Picnic / Playground Clean Up Day / Note in the Pocket Collection continues
Mar. 5	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch 11:00 AM	Apr. 30	Note in the Pocket Drive ends
Mar. 11	Pre-EYC to Food Bank 2 - 4 PM	May 7	Last Day of Sunday School
Mar. 12	PJ Service / Daylight Saving Time Begins/ Communion Class #1	May 14	Mother's Day / No SS / 5 th Grade Recognition
Mar. 19	Communion Class #2	June 4	Note in the Pocket Sort Day at St. Paul's 10:10 AM
Mar. 25-26	Pre-EYC Overnight Retreat	July 10-14	VBS 9 AM – 12 NOON
Mar. 26	Communion Class #3	Sep 10	Sunday School Begins
Apr. 2	Communion Celebration 9 AM / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive	Oct 29	Pumpkin Carving 5 PM
Apr. 9	Palm Sunday / No Sunday School / Note in the Pocket Collection Drive continues	Dec 15	Pageant Rehearsal 6-8 PM
Apr. 14	Good Friday Service for Children 10 AM	Dec 16	Pageant Rehearsal 9 AM – 12 NOON
		Dec 17	Christmas Pageant at 9 AM Service

Youth Coordinator
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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 :

Confirmation Classes for Youth Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in the Curry Center

Mar 5	Resist, Repent, Return
Mar 10-11	30 Hour Famine
Mar 12	By Word and Example
Mar 19	Seek & Serve
Mar 26	Into the World in Witness
Mar 26	Confirmand Brunch

Mar 5	Difficult Decisions: Finding Help
Mar 11	Difficult Decisions: Living with Divorce
Mar 18	Difficult Decisions: Seeking Wisdom about Abortion
Mar 25	Difficult Decisions: Life or Death

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!

March EYC Schedule:

March 5 from 5-7 PM – Scavenger Hunt

Back by popular demand, we will figure out clues and search around Cary in our whacky, EYC-style Scavenger Hunt. Wear comfortable clothes and dress for the weather. Smart phones are a necessary tool, so bring yours if you have one. If not, there will be plenty! We will need parents to drive – but remember, parents are drivers, not navigators! That can get interesting.

March 12 – Regular EYC

March 19 – Regular EYC

March 26 – Regular EYC

We are working on a series of speakers and / or field trips on World Religions for the 3 weeks of March 12, 19, & 26, so stay tuned for more information.

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE



Our Youth Group and Confirmation class is going hungry to help save kids' lives. Every \$35 we raise can help feed and care for a child for month!

WHAT: We're learning about hunger, raising funds to fight it through World Vision, and then going without food for 30 hours to

understand what millions face every day.

WHY: Because we don't want to be onlookers while nearly 8,000 kids are dying every day from hunger-related causes. We're choosing to stand up and make hunger our fight.



OUR FAMINE DATES: Friday March 10 – Saturday, March 11

OUR GOAL: to raise \$1,400.00 to help feed and care for 40 kids for a month.

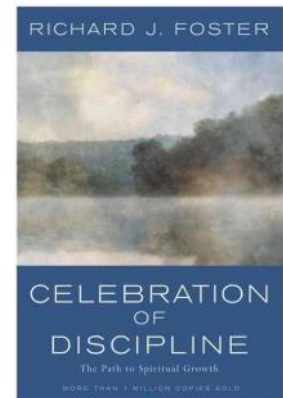
CONTACT: Leah Dail at Leah.Dail@stpaulscary.org

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.
Matthew 5:6

Lenten Series: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, & 28 and April 4, 6-7 PM

In this Lenten season of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter we will participate in a Lenten study class based on the book *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster. Don't be put off by the word "discipline." These are spiritual exercises that Christians have used for hundreds of years: things like prayer, meditation, celebration, and service.

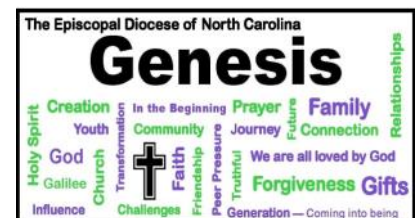
We'll spend some time each class practicing these disciplines, so dress in comfortable clothes. You can bring your dinner (drinks and fruit will be provided). And new this year, **bring your parents!** This is an intergenerational event. We will meet in the youth wing.



Genesis: A Diocesan Event for Middle Schoolers, March 31 – April 2, 2017

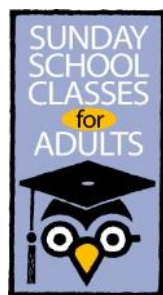
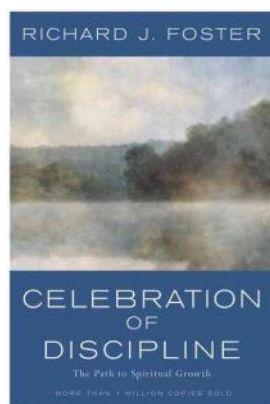
Genesis is designed for middle school youth to begin to explore their own faith through youth-led talks on various subjects such as family, friends, peer pressure, the church, Jesus, and sharing one's faith. It will be a great weekend of fun, small and large group

activities, and being with friends (old & new). More information and registration can be found at http://www.dionc.org/digital_faith/events/3167949. If you have any questions, contact Leah at leah.dail@stpaulscary.org.





Adult Education STUDIES



Coming Up In Adult Formation In March

SUNDAY MORNINGS

In the Chapel, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend Sunday morning classes in a Lenten series beginning March 5 on the theme: "Faith and the Common Life." Classes will be led by the Rev. Javier E. Almendárez Bautista, the Rev. Canon Rhonda Lee, and the Rev. Nita Byrd. Coffee is available in the chapel before class.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In the Youth Wing, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

This Lent we will be going through the book *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster. While the word "discipline" isn't usually something that is celebrated, these disciplines are defined as spiritual exercises that have enriched the lives of Christians for hundreds of years. They are ways to deepen one's faith and devotion. Each week we will explore one of the disciplines to learn, practice, and reflect. Come join us each Wednesday March 8 through April 5. All are welcome to attend these classes. There is no sign up required. Attend all or as many classes as you can. Childcare will be provided. If you need childcare, please email Beth Barnes at eanbarnes@gmail.com.

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 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.

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

Cursillo Weekend --- June 8-11, 2017

If you are looking for something more in your spiritual life, you may want to consider attending the next Cursillo

of Common Prayer is used for all worship services. Music is also a major part of the weekend.

Please pray for the Cursillo weekend, and pray for God's guidance if you should be a part of the weekend. For more information about this Cursillo weekend, please contact Rev. Candy Snively at 919-380-7101 or candy.snively@att.net. Also check out the Cursillo website at nccursillo.org.



weekend being conducted in the Diocese of NC. It will be held here at St. Paul's on June 8-11.

Cursillo is a spiritual renewal ministry in the Episcopal Church for men and women. The weekend will involve presentations and discussions about how the community of faith experiences God's love. The Book

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition, adult confirmation preparation is an excellent way to begin the journey. Adult confirmation classes will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the youth wing on Wednesday evenings, throughout the Lenten season.

Attendance is expected if you would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church during the Bishop's visit on Easter Day. Anyone is welcome to attend the classes, however, even if you do not plan to be confirmed. Please email the Rev. Javier Almendárez Bautista at javier@stpaulscary.org if you plan to attend.



Outreach

Hermano Day- (Farmworker Day) - Sunday, March 26

Thank you for your generous response in helping the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry after it was flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Things are slowly returning to normal at the EFwM and they are now preparing for the arrival of H2A farmworkers from Mexico.

These farmworkers will live in remote and isolated labor camps and come here with only the barest of necessities. St. Paul's and the EFwM have helped for almost twenty years by providing these men with work clothes, bedding, and food. Financial donations to the ministry are also most welcome.

On Sunday, March 26, representatives from the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry will be here to tell us about the work being done to help our farmworker brothers in Christ. Please bring your donations to church that day.

The items most urgently needed are:

- Men's work pants (sizes 24-32)
- Men's socks and athletic shoes (small

sizes)

- Men's long-sleeves shirts (small sizes)
- Men's underwear and t-shirts (small sizes)
- Sheets (twins are best)
- Towels, light blankets, bedding
- Dried or canned beans, rice, fruit. (Donated items can be new or used).

An excellent alternative is to make a monetary donation earmarked for either a Welcome Kit or a Shower Kit. Please use the memo part of your check for this and make the check out to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. A Shower Kit (\$25.00) will provide a farmworker with shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, a wash cloth, Bengay, Benadryl and ibuprofen. A Welcome Kit (\$75.00) provides a Shower Kit plus three pairs of used work pants, three used shirts, a towel, a blanket, sheets, and a pillow.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry .

Submitted by Gale Herrman



Episcopal Farmworker Ministry





Dorcas Ministry Update

I'm happy to report that we collected 463 rolls of toilet paper on Sunday Feb 12 for the Dorcas Food Pantry. So far for 2017 we've collected 847 rolls. Thank you, St. Paul's, for your generosity. Our next collection will be Sunday March 12.

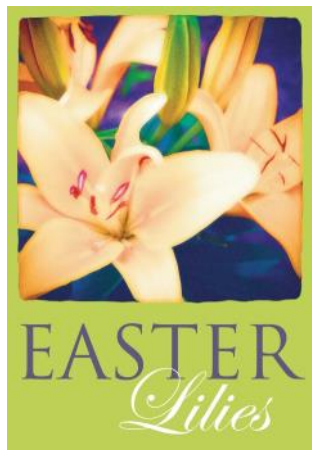
Dorcas Ministries is sponsoring the NC Baptist Men's Dental Bus on Saturday April 22. They are looking for dentists, hygienists, and volunteers so that they can provide services to those in our community who need select dental services. The clinic hours are 8 am to 4 pm.

If you are a dentist, hygienist, or dental assistant who would be interested in volunteering their time, contact kbraam@dorcas-cary.org or leave a message at 919.469.9861, ext 202.

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 me at nfierke@bellsouth.net or call 919-467-8807.

*Submitted by Nancy Fierke
Dorcas Ministry Leader*

Liturgy



Easter Lilies to decorate the Church

Easter Lily envelopes will be available in the pews from Sunday, March 12 through Sunday, April 2. Giving a lily that will decorate the altar and worship spaces for the Easter services is a beautiful way to remember and / or give thanks for the special people in our lives. The Altar Guild requests a donation of \$20.00 per plant. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's with Altar Guild Lily noted on the memo line. Please make sure the outside of the envelope is filled out with your

name and the name of the person(s) for whom the lily is being given and note if the lily is being given in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, that person. All requests must be received by Sunday, April 2 to be included in the Easter bulletin. Requests / donations may be placed in the collection plates or dropped off at the church office. Easter lilies may be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. Easter service.

*Submitted by Anne Babb
Altar Guild*



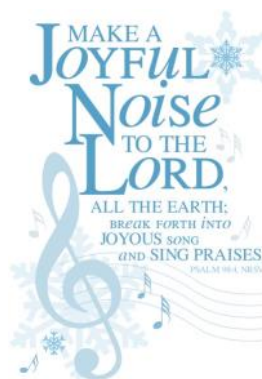
Music Ministries Preparing for the Seasons Ahead

At this writing, all of the eight ensembles of the parish are hard at work preparing for Lent through Easter. All vocal choirs can use more voices. The bell choirs can use substitutes and new potential members as we look ahead to

next fall. If you are a singer or a ringer and want to join music ministries at St. Paul's contact Rusty McKinney, Minister of Music at rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org or call the Music Office at 336-467-6241.

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.		



Stewardship

I am Welcome

You are Welcome

All are Welcome

The stewardship numbers are in!

As of February 15th, more than \$960,000 had been pledged to St. Paul's 2017 operating budget. There were 345 pledges, which included 50 from families who had not pledged to St. Paul's for 2016. Wow!

So many people contributed to the success of the campaign. At the risk of leaving some people out, I would like to highlight parishioners and ministries that played instrumental roles. Thank you to:

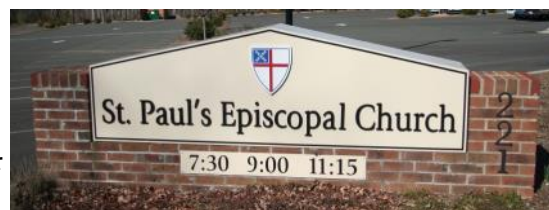
- * Aleta and Katie, who interviewed parishioners, and Tad, who converted the interview audio into clips for use in the slideshows;
- * the parishioners who were interviewed, including Margie, Jean, Mike, Ramsey, Kevin, Javier, Josh, Andrea, Charlotte, Catherine, David, Ted, Andrew, Karen, Allan, Lanny, Mary, Marilyn, LaQuinta, McKenna, Candy, Lydia, Julia, Josh, Melanie, Andrew, Christine, and George;
- * the Photo Ministry, which provided the photos used in the slideshows; Brandon, who made the slideshows look professional; and Brian, who helped with the sound setup in church;
- * Melanie, Larry, Gordon, Fill and others who patiently helped us communicate with the parish via the

bulletin, newsletter, E-News and Facebook;

- * Toni and the Fellowship Team, who helped us with the parish-wide brunch;
- * Jackie, Nancy, and Kim, who led the effort to make the "All Are Welcome" statement over our entry door;
- * the clergy, vestry, and staff, who supported stewardship in their words and actions;
- * Christine and my fellow Stewardship Team members, LaQuinta, Sherri, Lee, and John, whose ideas, energy and attention to detail propelled the campaign;
- * our fellow parishioners, who answered the call to pledge; and
- * those who answered the call again when we learned a large budget deficit remained in January.

Great things are happening at St. Paul's, and those great things are made possible by your pledge. Thank you!

*Submitted by Dan Loughlin,
for the Stewardship Team*



Faith Leaders in Cary in Support of Immigrants and Refugees

Hospitality to the stranger is a central tenet of our sacred texts. It is an act of self-giving, welcome, and kindness. In the face of political rhetoric and actions that capitalize on fear to hide the human face of refugees, immigrants, and travelers from Muslim-majority countries, we – as clergy and faith leaders in the Town of Cary, NC – recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of loving our neighbors near and far.

We have, each in our own way, failed to live up to that vision. Despite our shortcomings, the presence of migrants and refugees has enriched our communities. We have been strengthened by their courage and character and thereby challenged to grow closer to one another.

Our refugee and migrant neighbors remind us that we are all sojourners in this land. In our sacred texts, it is worth remembering that the first recipients of unmerited hospitality are not nameless others, but each of us: in gratitude, we merely extend God's hospitality to others.

God's welcome is not liable to partisan claims, and it is our hope and prayer to be faithful witnesses in these divisive times. Today, we make the declaration that we will stand in solidarity with immigrant and refugee communities and commit ourselves to radical hospitality.

Rev. Javier Almendárez Bautista, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary
Rev. Carla Gregg-Kearns, Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Cary
Rev. Donna Banks, Saint Francis United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Rose Cornelious
Rev. Chris Furr, Covenant Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Mr. Howard Manning, Dorcas Ministries, Cary, NC
Rev. Lori Pistor, Cary Presbyterian Church
Rev. Stephanie Arnold Workman, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian
Rev. Susan Sexton, Presbytery of New Hope
Rev. Nola Boezeman, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian, Cary, NC
Rev. Betsy Cameron Eder, Chaplain
Rev. Mycal Brickhouse, Cary First Christian Church
Rev. Dieuner Joseph, Pleasant Grove Church
Rev. George Adamik, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary, NC
Mr. Shakil Ahmed, Islamic Association of Cary
Rev. Candace Snively, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary
Rev. Antoinette Wike, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary
Rev. Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary
Msgr. Douglas P. Reed, St. Michael Catholic Church, Cary
Elder Willie Harris, Jr., Mt. Zion Church, Cary NC
Rev. Joseph Welker, Jr., Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian
Rev. Melinda Merkley King, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian
Minister Linda Velto, Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Cary



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 (2nd & 4th 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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 1 7:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:45 p.m. - Service for Families 7:00 p.m. [N.B., 6:00 and 6:45 PM Choirs will not meet.]	5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE SCOUT SUNDAY 10:10am Youth Confirmation Class 11:15am SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch	 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 Ash WEDNESDAY 7:00am Ash Wed. Service 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:00noon Ash Wed. Service 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 5:45pm Family-Oriented Ash Wed. Service 7:00pm Ash Wed. Service 7:00pm Adult Formation	2 2:00pm Senior Ministry	3	4 8:00am Church Work Day
12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS PJ SUNDAY 10:10am Communion Class #1 10:10am Youth Confirmation Class	6 7:00pm Lean In Circle 7:00pm AA	14 12:00noon Women's Study Group 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Youth Lenten Study 7:00pm Youth Committee 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir	8 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Adult Formation 7:00pm MLRC	9	10	11 9:00am Healing Touch Cont. Ed. 11:30am Fellowship Events Barbecue 2:00pm Pre-EYC at Food Bank
19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 10:10am Communion Class #2 10:10am Youth Confirmation Class	20 7:00pm Vestry 7:00pm AA	21 1:00pm Communications Committee 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Youth Lenten Study 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir	22 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 9:15am Julian Gathering 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Adult Formation	23 7:00pm Contemplative Studies with Thomas Merton	24 6:00pm ASP Dinner 	18 7:00pm Rainbow Gathering 25 PRE-EYC RETREAT 8:30am Mulch Madness Work Day 12:00noon Treasure Keepers
26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE HERMANO DAY PRE-EYC RETREAT 10:10am Communion Class #3 & Parent Class 10:10am Youth Confirmation Class 12:30 Confirmand Brunch	27 7:00pm Care & Share 7:00pm IT 7:00pm Adult Formation 7:00pm AA	28 6:00pm Bells of St. Paul's 6:00pm Youth Lenten Study 7:00pm Canterbury Bells 8:00pm Canterbury Choir	29 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 10:00am Prayer Stitches 12:15pm Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Adult Formation	30	31 No PRESCHOOL	

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Sunday Services: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:15 a.m.



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