



CENTREPOINT

December Updates from St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2017

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, December 4th at 5:30 pm

Join us for a light dinner and your favorite card and board games! All ages welcome.

ADVENT SERIES

Our Advent Series, "Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind" from the Living Compass Foundation. We are offering two choices for participants to attend:

Sundays at 9:00 am: 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17

OR

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm: 12/6, 12/12 & 12/26

(Come as early as 5:30 pm for fellowship & warm soup!)

GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR OUR (UPCOMING)

DIGITAL DIRECTORY

Sundays, 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 at 9:00 am

Thursday, 12/7 at 7:00 pm & Saturday, 12/2 at 5:30 pm

Be sure to get your photo taken for our (upcoming) digital directory in-between services. Photos are free of charge.

Directory will be password-protected.

OPEN CHURCH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY

Sunday, December 3rd

Our 10:00 am Ageless Worship Service features a **celebration of St. Nicholas**. Children are invited to place their shoes in the Chapel at the beginning of the service so St. Nicholas can leave them a treat!

Following the service, the **Children's Gift Sale** is an opportunity for the children of St. Paul's to purchase low-cost (\$.25 to \$3.00) gift items for their families & friends, as well as have them gift-wrapped. Children will also have the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa!

You are invited to attend **St. Paul's Open Church** from noon to 3:00 pm! Come and see historical displays and precious artifacts, take a walking tour of the church, and meet some of the artisans who helped rebuild the church after the fire in 1984. Learn about the beautiful stained glass windows, the unique brass door plates, the handcrafted woodwork and more. Light refreshments provided and childcare are provided.

CHAPTER TWO OPEN

Sunday, December 3rd from 9:00 am to noon

Our Chapter Two Thrift Shop is offering great bargains this Sunday, just in time for Christmas shopping!

MEN'S JUST SUPPER

Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm

No preaching or teaching, just men, just dinner!

IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

Mondays, December 4th, 11th & 18th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dusting! Polishing! Tidying! Washing! Organizing!

There are preparations to be made before we welcome the community to St. Paul's Christmas celebrations. Please join us for a Monday evening shift – there's work to be done and fun to be had! We are delighted to provide pizza and drinks. Please sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know which days you can join us.

ST. PAUL'S FESTIVAL CHOIR

St. Paul's Festival Choir is an opportunity for experienced singers to join the choir and participate in our glorious Christmas Eve services. Heather has organized a series of rehearsals for the Festival Choir and we ask that if you plan on singing on Christmas Eve, you attend at least six of these rehearsals:

Mondays, 12/4, & 12/18 from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursdays, 12/14, & 12/21 from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Sundays, 12/3, & 12/17 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

If needed, there may also be a mandatory "Christmas Choral Cram Session" on *Saturday, 12/23 at 10:00 am.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 7th at 4:30 pm

We will be meeting in the Conference Room.

FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 pm

St. Paul's serves at the Friendly Kitchen. Check out the Friendly Kitchen display in the Upper Parish Hall to see how you can help.

ORDINATION INVITATION

Saturday, December 16th, 11:00 am at St. Paul's

Bishop Hirschfeld will be ordaining our Curate, Drew Courtright and Elizabeth Parker Hess from St. Barnabus, Berlin. A reception will follow. Please join us in person or in prayer on this important and celebratory day!

THIS IS OUR STORY

Saturday, December 16th & Sunday, December 17th

We are delighted to introduce a new service (four times a year) which focuses on the spiritual journey of members of our parish. On Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am, the newly ordained Drew Courtright will be sharing his story.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Tuesday, December 19th at 5:30 pm

Inspiration: Share a dish that is part of your family's Christmas tradition!

VESTRY

Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm

Vestry meeting in the Library.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, December 24th at 9:00 am

Service of Holy Eucharist for Advent 4

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24th at 9:30 pm

Musical Prelude

Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25th at 10:00 am

Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 30th at 4:30 pm

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols as Poetry

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols

INKLINGS WRITING GROUP

Wednesday, December 27th at 6:00 pm

Inklings meets in the Parish Hall.

GENERAL UPDATES

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Sixth through twelfth graders are invited to join us for pizza and discussion.

ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE

Please return your gifts on the weekends of December 3rd and 10th

We request that you purchase gifts totaling \$35 to \$40 and return them, wrapped & labeled with the provided stickers, on the dates above.

HONOR DONATIONS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas services at St. Paul's are known to be incredibly moving and beautiful. The services are enhanced by beautiful music and the festive poinsettias that decorate the church. Each year, however, poinsettias cost the church \$35 each and instrumentalists run upwards of \$350 each. We invite you to honor a loved one (new baby? family in town for Christmas?) or the memory of a loved one (perhaps someone who also loved St. Paul's at Christmas?) by making a donation to St. Paul's towards the cost of the instrumentalists and/or poinsettias. Every amount is accepted gratefully and we will include your loved one's name on a special insert in our Christmas Bulletins. You can find a donation form inserted in your bulletin or at the church entrances & in the Parish Hall.

HONOR CARDS

St. Paul's Honor Cards are on sale for the holidays! Give the gift of charity to your friends and family. Colorful gift cards supporting different St. Paul's ministries are available in the Parish Hall when you make a donation of for \$5.00 or more in honor of a friend or loved one.

COMING UP: BICENTENNIAL GALA BRUNCH

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

The Bishop will be joining us for a 9:00 am Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by a Gala Brunch celebrating the end of our Bicentennial Year. Tickets to the Gala Brunch will be available soon.

NOTE: There will be no 8:00 am or 10:00 am service that day, just the one 9:00 am service.

COME VISIT US

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays at 8:00 am: A quiet and reflective Service of Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:00 am: A Service of Holy Eucharist with music and hymns

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:10 pm: A Lunch Break Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Saturdays at 4:30 pm: A Simple Saturday Service of Holy Eucharist

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

CHAPTER TWO THRIFT SHOP

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 am to Noon

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