

CENTREPOINT

Mid-November 2018
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

MID-MONTH

Please join us

Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, November 17th at 9:00 am

Altar Guild members, please attend and help us plan for Christmas cleaning and decorating!

Refreshments served.

Second Renewal Works Workshop

Saturday, November 17th at 9:00 am

Our Renewal Works team, along with five other parishes, will meet for their second of four workshops to explore how we can strengthen and enhance the spiritual life of our parish.

Giving Tree Ministry

Each Christmas season, the St. Paul's Giving Tree ministry provides presents for children of our Food Pantry clients. Children's names, ages, and wish lists are available during Coffee Hour.

Names will be available Saturday, 11/17 after the 4:30 pm service and Sunday, 11/18 during Coffee Hour.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 18th at 11:45 am

We hope you can join us in Ordway Hall for turkey and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal with your St. Paul's family.

Ministry of Presence

Monday, November 19th at 4:30 pm

We will meet in the Conference Room.

St. Paul's Serves at the Friendly Kitchen

Wednesday, November 19th at 4:00 pm

St. Paul's cooks and serves at the Friendly Kitchen.

Office and Outreach Center Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, 11/21: Closing at noon

Thursday, 11/22 and Friday, 11/23: Closed

A History of Christianity: A Six-Part Video Series Continues

Wednesday 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm

11/28, 12/5 & 12/12

The BBC Video Series hosted by Oxford professor Diarmaid MacCullough, author of the New York Times bestseller, "A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years" (a required text for 3rd year EfM students) continues. You are also welcome to join us for a light potluck dinner.

Handel's Messiah Comes to St. Paul's Church

Sat. December 1st at 10:00 am (Dress Rehearsal)

Sun. December 2nd at 7:00 pm

Benjamin Greene conducts the 75 member Concord Community Chorus, professional orchestra and soloists in Concord's 86th annual performance of this traditional offering. Seating is first-come, first-served basis with no tickets.

Sponsored by the Walker Lecture Series.

Game Night

Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 pm

Join us for a light supper and your favorite board and card games.

Mandatory Meeting for All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Sunday, December 2nd at 9:15 am

To ensure the highest quality serving, there will be a mandatory meeting for all current and future Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors in-between the two Sunday services. Please let Tamar Roberts know if you are NOT able to attend.

Children's Gift Sale

December 2nd at 11:30 am

Children are invited to Ordway Hall for our annual Children's Gift Sale to purchase bargain-priced (\$.25 to \$3.00) Christmas gifts for their families. Wrapping offered as well.

Note: We would appreciate donations of barely used gift items and also empty jewelry gift boxes.

Advent Series

Sundays 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 & 12/23 at 9:00 am
Grab your coffee and a donut and join us in the Chapel as we journey through the first two chapters of Luke over the four Sundays of Advent.

Advent 1: The Annunciation: "Saying 'Yes' to the Journey

Advent 2: Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends

Advent 3: The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community

Advent 4: The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

First Sunday of the Month Happenings

Sunday, December 2nd

Celebrating the First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am: Advent Discussion Series

9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Chapter Two Thrift Shop Open

9:00 am: Youth Group and Confirmation Class

9:15 am: Lector & Eucharist Minister Training

10:00 am: Ageless Worship Service

11:30 am: Children's Gift Sale

Men's Just Supper

Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm

Just men, just supper! Held in Ordway Hall.

Family Promise Meeting

Tuesday, December 4th at 5:30 pm

All current Family Promise team members and anyone who might be interested in helping out (providing meals, taking an overnight shift, or helping with setup/breakdown) are requested to join us for a special meeting/training. Dinner will be provided. Contact the parish office, Bill Pribis, or Nancy DeGroat with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Note: St. Paul's will once again transform our downstairs space to provide meals and shelter to local homeless families from 12/9-12/16.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Sundays, 12/9, 12/16 & 12/23 at 11:15 am

All children and youth are welcome! We have parts for all ages. Pageant itself is on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm.

Notes

Urgent Need: Warm Blankets

Chapter Two's clothing bank is out of blankets, a common item needed by many homeless persons. We would greatly appreciate donations of gently used or new warm blankets. They can be dropped off at Chapter Two Thrift Shop or with the office.

Donating to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who would like to donate to the Prayer Shawl ministry can:

- 1) Drop off unused yarn at the front desk
- 2) Purchase a Michael's or Joann Fabric's gift card at our coffee hour Scrip Table (Let the Scrip table know it is a Prayer Shawl Ministry donation and they will hold on to it for safekeeping.)

Please see Sandy MacIntyre or contact the office with any questions.

Christmas at St. Paul's

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Pageant and Service of Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist

9:30 pm: Musical Prelude

10:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25th

10:00 am: Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 29th at 4:30 pm

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols as Poetry

Sunday, December 30th at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols

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 & Hymns

Mondays & Thursdays at 8:30 am

Morning Prayer & Meditations in the Chapel

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:10 pm

A Lunchtime Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Saturdays at 4:30 pm

A Simple Saturday Service of Holy Eucharist

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Food Pantry Hours

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Chapter Two Thrift Shop Hours

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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