

# CENTREPOINT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
October 2019



## Harvest Fair

*Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm*  
St. Paul's annual Harvest Fair is fast approaching; be sure to mark your calendars! The fair will include generous raffle baskets, silent auction items, handmade arts and crafts, a book sale, breakfast and lunch, tasty baked goods, and bargains galore in our Chapter Two Thrift Shop.

## St. Paul's Hosts Family Promise

*Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*  
St. Paul's Family Promise Ministry will host 1-3 local families experiencing homelessness by transforming part of our downstairs area into living quarters. Team members cook meals, drop off groceries, and sleep in the building overnight to ensure that these families are given the very best of care throughout our designated week. Interested in being a member of the team? Contact the office via [office@stpaulsconcord.org](mailto:office@stpaulsconcord.org) or (603) 224-2523

## Blessing of the Animals

One of our favorite times of the year! Bring your animal (any kind, even stuffed toys or photos) to be blessed by the clergy.

*Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 am – Noon at the City Plaza on Main Street  
4:30 pm worship service

*Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*

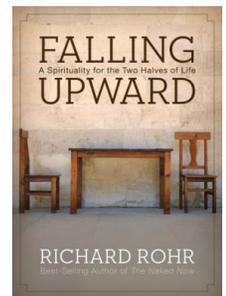
At the 8:00 am and 10:00 am worship services

## Youth Group

*Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm*  
Our Youth Group meets the first Sunday of each month. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the group for thought-provoking conversation, worship, lunch, fun, and service projects.

## "Falling Upward" Book Discussion Group

*Sundays 9:00 am in the Conference Room*  
10/6, 10/13, 10/20, & 10/27  
Fr. Richard Rohr writes that only those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the ones who truly understand "up." The book is available online or at Gibson's (with a discount if you mention our study group!)



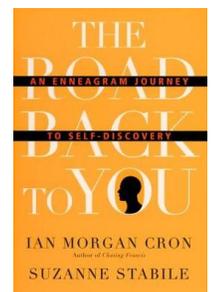
## Building and Grounds Meeting

*Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm*  
If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please speak to Jerry Tepe, interim chair, or call the office at 224-2523.

## Seeing Christ in our (sometimes challenging!) neighbor: How to increase compassion for those around us using the ancient wisdom of the Enneagram

- An Introduction to the Enneagram  
*Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>*  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall  
Come see if the Enneagram could be a useful spiritual tool for you!
- 4 week Enneagram series  
*Wednesdays, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, & 11/6,*  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

This four week study group will use "The Road Back to You" study guide (\$5.00 suggested donation.) See AshleyJane with any questions.



## Office and Outreach Center Closed

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Paralleling the public school schedule, the office and outreach center will be closed.

## Vestry Meeting

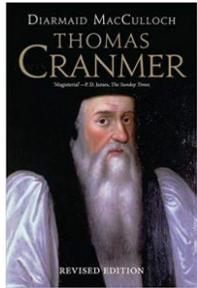
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Meets in the library.

## St. Paul's Serves at the Friendly Kitchen

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

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



## A Post-Grad EfM Group

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

A monthly post-grad EfM group will be gathering on the third Sunday of each month to read David MacCulloch's book on Thomas Cranmer, father of the Anglican Reformation. If

you enjoyed the camaraderie and study during your four years of EfM, this is the group for you! Speak with Steve Baker or contact the office for more information.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Meets in the Conference Room.

## Service of Remembrance, Healing, & Hope

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

As we have lost so many beloved friends over the past few months, our annual All Saints service is especially poignant this year.

## Vestry Nominations

At our Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, elections will be held for the following positions: Vestry Member (3), Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2), Senior Warden, and Clerk. Please speak to Rev. Kate or a current vestry member if you are interested in running for a position or have any questions regarding nomination requirements.

## Looking Ahead: Giving Tree Dates

The St. Paul's Giving Tree ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of our regular Food Pantry clients. Children's names, ages, and wish lists will be available on the weekends of November 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. Presents will need to be turned in on the weekends of December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Wenzel family with any questions.

## Who is now required to have a SafeChurch background check?

SafeChurch requirements have been expanded beyond the online video modules. In addition to the online modules, the following ministry positions will need to complete several forms, (two of which permit St. Paul's to run background checks):

- Family Promise team members who take overnight shifts
- Ministry Directors/Coordinators
- Vestry Members/PODs
- EfM Mentors
- All Ministry of Presence home/hospital visitors
- SPC's New American Partnership (SNAP) team members
- Anyone working with children/youth
- All staff
- (Potentially others TBD)

Packets of these forms are available at the front desk. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the office staff Monday-Friday (but kindly not on the Sabbath please), email [office@stpaulsconcord.org](mailto:office@stpaulsconcord.org), or call 224-2523.

***These requirements came from the national level. We appreciate your willingness to keep vulnerable individuals as safe as possible in our Beloved Community.***

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturdays at 4:30 pm

A Simple Saturday Service of Holy Eucharist

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

## 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 – 1:00 pm

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# ChIPs Gift Drive



At Diocesan Convention on November 9<sup>th</sup>, delegates from St. Paul's Church will present our congregation's contribution to a compassionate local ministry called CHiPs, or Children of Incarcerated Persons.

The Episcopal Church of NH's collection enables NH inmates to choose from a selection of age-appropriate toys and books they can gift in person to their children or grandchildren. This helps encourage connection within the family, which in turn boosts the child's sense of well-being.

The CHiPs program provides direct aid to local, often traumatized children and we invite parishioners to generously contribute to our congregation's ingathering at Convention.



## St. Paul's parishioners can support CHiPs in four ways:

1) **Purchase a new toy** for children ages 1-15 years with an approximate \$25 retail value (so that some children do not receive gifts worth more or less than other children's gifts.)

- Gender neutral toys are very helpful, such as board games, balls, etc.
- If your gift requires batteries, please include them with the gift.
- Gifts for older children (ages 12-15 years) are always especially needed.
- **NOT ALLOWED:** Used items, handmade items, gift cards, jewelry, balloons, crayons, play dough, glue, bubbles, makeup, long sticks, knitting needles, crochet hooks, paint brushes, glass items, clothing, sharp tools, or toy weapons of any kind.

2) **Purchase a new book** for children ages 1-15.

3) **Donate via a check** made out to Diocese of NH with "CHiPs" on the memo line.

4) **Donate Christmas cards or blank notecards** for the inmates to use.

**Donations are due in the St. Paul's office by Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**