

# CENTREPOINT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Mid-November 2019

November

## **EfM Post-Grad Study Group**

*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am*  
Meets in the Meeting Room.

## **Giving Tree Dates**

*November 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>: Pick up a wish list.*  
*December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>: Turn in presents.*  
The St. Paul's Giving Tree ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of our regular Food Pantry clients.  
Please see the Wenzel family with any questions.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm–7:00 pm*  
Meets in the Conference Room.

## **Vestry Meeting**

*Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm*  
Meets in the library.

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

*Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm*  
St. Paul's cooks, serves, and cleans up at the Friendly Kitchen.



## **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am*  
Come have Thanksgiving Dinner with your parish family! Sign-ups to bring side dishes and desserts are posted in the Parish Hall.

## **Giving Thanks for the World We Share: An Interfaith Program of Thanksgiving**

*Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm*  
*at Bow Mills United Methodist Church*  
This interfaith service features music and readings from diverse religious traditions, and includes a message delivered by Rev. Kate Siberine. Freewill donations will support NH Interfaith Power and Light.

## **Thanksgiving Holiday**

*Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>*  
Office and outreach center closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **Handel's Messiah**

*Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am*  
*Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm*  
The highly popular performance by the Concord Community Chorus will once again be held at St. Paul's. The Saturday morning performance is an open dress rehearsal. Sunday evening is the live performance, with doors opening at 6:30 pm. First come, first serve seating. No charge.

## **List of Advent Happenings! Read on for details.**

- Forward Movement Advent calendars will soon be available at church entrances and in the office.
- St. Nicholas Ageless Worship and Children's Gift Fair on Sunday, 12/1
- Practicing the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius, Sundays at 9:00 am & weekdays at 8:00 am
- Advent Taizé Service on Friday, 12/6
- Darkness is Not Dark to You, O Lord: A Parish Quiet Day for Advent on Saturday, 12/14



## **The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius: A daily discipline for Advent**

*Sundays, starting 12/1, 9:00 am – 9:45 am*  
*Weekdays, starting 12/2, 8:00 am – 8:30 am*  
A daily time of prayer, scripture, listening, and meditation. Please stop by the office to purchase the book, "Sacred Listening" by James Wakefield, or order the book online.



### **St. Nicholas Ageless Worship, Children's Gift Sale, and Photos with Santa**

*Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am*

All the children in your life and are invited to join us for a special Ageless Worship Service celebrating the historical St. Nicholas. Following the service, photos with Santa and the Children's Gift Sale will be held in Ordway Hall, a chance for children to shop for bargain gifts (\$.25 to \$3.00) for friends and family members.

### **Men's Just Supper**

*Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm*

No preaching or teaching. Just men gathering for a tasty supper.

### **Taizé Advent Service**

*Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 6:40 pm*

Before you head out to Midnight Merriment festivities on Main Street, join us for a peaceful candlelit service using simple meditative Taizé chants . *(Please note: No sermon or Eucharist.)*

### **Ministry of Presence**

*Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am*

Meets in the Conference Room.

### **We'd love your help!**

*Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm*

There are preparations to be made (Dusting! Polishing! Tidying! Washing! Organizing!) before we welcome the community to St. Paul's Christmas celebrations. Please join us – there's work to be done and fun to be had! Pizza provided.

### **Advent Quiet Day:**

#### **Darkness is not dark to you, O Lord**

*Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm*

Immerse yourself in a technology-free day of rest and peaceful reflection as we explore Advent using a variety of media. Breakfast nibbles and lunch provided. \$10 donation suggested but certainly not required. Please sign up in the Parish Hall so we can anticipate our lunch numbers.

### **Coming Soon: Festival Choir Dates**

St. Paul's Festival Choir is an opportunity to join the choir and contribute to the Christmas Eve worship services. A series of rehearsal dates will be announced soon.

### **Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home**

The Episcopal Church of NH is answering Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's call to care for God's creation through a carbon tracker called "Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home." This innovative tool helps individuals, households, and congregations to measure their carbon footprint (through a 5-10 minute questionnaire online) and take steps to shrink it and live a sustainable life. St. Paul's is one of the participating congregations in the NH Diocese and we encourage parishioners to check it out at [www.sustainislandhome.org](http://www.sustainislandhome.org) or speak to Deb Baker.

### **Vestry Nominations**

At our Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, elections will be held for the following positions: Vestry Members to serve three years (3), Vestry Member to serve two years (1), Vestry Member to serve one year (1), 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.

### **Needed: Hats, Mittens, and Blankets**

St. Paul's clothing bank is in need of hats, mittens, and blankets for our homeless and outreach clients. Used items in good condition are fine.

### **Ministry Coordinators and Ministry Directors**

We ask that all ministry directors work with their program coordinators to assemble a summary of their ministry in 2018. Reports are published in the Annual Report, which the office will begin assembling soon.

### **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 and Chapter Two Thrift Shop Hours**

*Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

### **ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**21 CENTRE STREET, CONCORD, NH 03301**

**(603) 224-2523 - [www.stpaulsconcord.org](http://www.stpaulsconcord.org)  
office@stpaulsconcord.org**