

Welcome to St. Paul's, Ivy!

To help us to know you better, please take a moment to fill out this card. You may return it in the offering plate or drop it in the mail.

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Children / Ages

_____ I would like to be added to the mailing list.

_____ I am interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, Ivy.

_____ I would like to speak with a member of the Welcoming Committee.

_____ I would like to speak with one of the clergy.

Questions or Comments:

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The long-anticipated renovation of Kirklea is well underway. The staff and clergy are in their temporary offices in the church building. At Kirklea, the work crew has removed the old, rotting siding and put up Tyvek, which is a barrier paper that helps keep air and water out. This will contribute to improved building durability and reduce energy bills. The usable siding and woodwork is being stripped of lead paint by specially certified technicians. Once that step is complete it will be prepped for painting. Framing of the inside has begun and the roof is being prepared for its new top. Great progress!

Kirklea Construction Site: For your safety, please stay away from Kirklea during the renovation process. Parents: please keep a watchful eye on your children and do not let them go near the construction site. Thank you.

OUTREACH BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Outreach Back-To-School: School is out which means that it is time to begin preparing our Back-to School program. The needed supplies are both extensive and expensive, costing close to \$100 per student. Our Outreach ministry assists 85 children from local donations alone. None of the Outreach funds are used for this program. We cannot do this without your generosity. Checks made out to "St. Paul's Ivy" and marked "school supplies" can be placed in the offertory basin or sent to the church office. **Volunteers are needed:** Friday afternoon, **August 4**, at 2:00 p.m. setting up school supplies in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome. Also on Saturday morning, **August 5**, 9:30 a.m. to noon working at the supply distribution event (checking-in, checking-out, supply selection, backpack selection). Seated and standing jobs available. Youth (middle & high school only) and adults. We need about 20 people. If anyone would like to help with this program please contact either Denise d@ontym.com or Cass cjrmorris@gmail.com.

RACE AND RECONCILIATION

In accord with our Presiding Bishop's call for the church to work for racial healing, reconciliation, and justice, we at St Paul's have been exploring ways to open conversation in our congregation around these topics. To this end, we are inviting you to join a discussion group using the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving as a springboard for our conversations. The group will be held on nine successive Wednesday evenings, beginning on **September 20** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The group will be facilitated by Dona Wylie and other members of a parish task force that has been talking about issues of race and reconciliation for several months. Please prayerfully consider whether this is the time for you to participate in this important conversation with other members of your church family. If you have questions or if you wish to sign up for this group, contact Dona Wylie at joydmw@gmail.com or at 434-953-6185. You may also register through the church office. The book may be purchased from your local or online retailer.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH READING

Known as founder and director of the Center for Action and Contemplation, Franciscan Father Richard Rohr is a prolific writer. His slender book *Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation* (2014) is the recommended reading for August. He invites the reader to connect to the Divine that lives in each of us, and trust that in silence we will find this connection. Recognizing that hope springs from this experience of oneness allows us to live more compassionately and to be peaceful. Three copies of this pithy book may be found on the information table at the back of the church. Simply read and return.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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St. Paul's Ivy Episcopal Church

August 2017

Dear Friends at St. Paul's Ivy:

On Sunday, **August 6**, we will celebrate a major feast of the Christian Year – *The Transfiguration of Christ*. We will read St. Luke's account of the three disciples who went with Jesus up on a mountain to pray. Something beyond the ordinary happened as the disciples saw Jesus for who he really was and encountered a divine presence shining through his humanity. The experience literally "re-figured" their lives.

Just like the three disciples, we too, need moments of *transfiguration*. These moments help us become aware of God's love and sustaining presence in our lives and in our world. Such moments of seeing the divine shining through the ordinary can bring a renewed wholeness into our lives. The author Madeleine L'Engle wrote that, "*These glimpses of reality are the foundation stones of faith.*" I find truth in her words.

In my sermon for Transfiguration Sunday, I want to remind us all to create space in our lives for such "glimpses of reality," to happen in our daily lives. I have also asked that we do something a bit different during the Prayers of the People at the 10:30 a.m. service. I would like to invite those who wish, to come forward to the altar rail to receive a brief one-sentence prayer for healing and grace. Simply come forward and as you maintain silence, I will anoint you with holy oil and offer the prayer while two members of our intercessory prayer team gently lay hands on your shoulder. No fanfare, just the gentle act of coming forward to receive sacramental grace just as we do at communion. I hope you will come and receive this prayer for yourself or as an intercession for anyone who is on your heart. This special prayer is focused on the Feast of the Transfiguration but perhaps it might lead to new opportunities for healing and intercessory prayer at St. Paul's in the future.

With you on the journey,

Fr. Rick+

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) REGISTRATION

Please see mentors Daniel Brinson or Debbie Scott about registering for the Education for Ministry course designed by the University of the South at Sewanee. The group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., **September 5 through May 15**. This group provides a wonderful opportunity to explore the beliefs we profess, to ponder how God is calling us to grow and to serve in our community, and to be supportive of each other as we strive to be faithful. Registrations are due by **August 10**. Registration materials are available from the mentors and the church office, and scholarships are available.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S, IVY: ONE VINE, MANY VOICES ST. PAUL'S CHOIRS WANT YOU!

We are always happy to welcome new choir members. If you haven't sung in a choir in a while, come see how much fun it is to sing in community! Even if you can only commit to a part of the year or a couple Sundays, we encourage you to try it. Please contact Daniel, Director of Church Music, if you would like to talk about how you can be involved: daniel@stpaulsivy.org, 434-979-6354 ext. 32

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AUGUST 2017 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMER CHOIR

Sunday, August 6

Summer Choir is a pick-up group open to anyone - all ages and abilities! We'll meet on **August 6**, to sing an anthem for the 10:30 a.m. service. Rehearsal is at 9:30 a.m. in the church.

SUMMER "STAY AND PLAY"!

Sunday, August 13 and 20 after the 10:30 Service

Want to enjoy playground time with your children? Fellowship with other families? Do you desire to get to know others in our church outside of worship services? If so, plan to attend a "Stay and Play" event scheduled for **August 13 and 20**.

It's simple....

- Be sure to wear summer comfy casual clothes to church (no neckties, high heels).
- Pack a lunch for your family. (Water coolers and frozen treats provided by the church!)
- Bring your friends (adults and kids).

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

Wednesday, August 30

The Adult Choir rehearses **Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** We sing a wide variety of repertoire for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and for occasional special services and concerts. The adult choir is open to all adults and teens.

The Children's Choir (1st through 5th grades) rehearses **Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.** We sing anthems approximately every other Sunday for the 10:30 a.m. service. We use the Voice for Life curriculum that teaches music skills as well as nurturing children's spiritual lives (see the Children's Choir brochure for details). If your children would like to be involved but Wednesdays don't work, please contact Daniel, Director of Church Music, about how they can be involved: daniel@stpaulsivy.org, 434-979-6354 ext. 32

INFORMATION FORUM

Sunday, August 27, 9:30 a.m.

Don't miss this soft kick-off to the new formation year! At 9:30 a.m., Children and Youth will have the opportunity to explore their classrooms, meet fellow classmates, get their pictures taken, enjoy refreshments and an activity. At the same time in the Parish Hall, adults will receive updates from the Vestry about our new Interim Rector who will arrive in September as well as information about the renovations to Kirklea House and the Capital Campaign.

A Very Happy Birthday To:

- 1 Taylor Borchest
- 3 Leah Armstrong
John Bowen, V
- 4 Kevin Leibl
Jim Shannon
Charles Sipe
- 5 Peter Henderson
Tommy Williams
- 6 Audi Barlow
- 7 Elizabeth Haslup
- 8 Virginia Greenbaum
Laura Schoenig
Zac Tolson
- 9 Annie Hald

- 10 Jeffri Adkins
Erik Greenbaum
Luke Magargee
- 12 Tate Noelke
- 13 Kathryn Achenbach
Blair Corbin
George Vavrik
- 16 Miranda Wagner
- 17 Celia Belton
Kathy Thornton
Madeline Zirkle
- 18 Lillian Simmers
- 20 Sandy Greene
David Hawkes
- 21 Anita Vere-Nicoll
Beth Wharton
- 22 McKenna Riley
- 23 Blissie Du Bose
- 24 Ruby Nicoletti
- 25 Daniel Brinson
Tarpley Gillespie
Jake Mascotte
- 27 Patty Breckoff
Jimmy Jackson
J.B. Milnor
- 28 Jake Lindsay
- 29 Chuck Bruse
Polly Hawkes
- 30 Maurie Carr
- 31 Avery Reese Ibbeken
Joanne Shackelford

Every Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Every Monday

Yoga with Ra, 10:00 a.m.
Centering Prayer, 11:45 a.m.

Every Tuesday

Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Scottish Country Dance Class, 7:00 p.m.,
Parish Hall

Every Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.

August 4

Back-to-School Set-Up, 2:00 p.m.

August 5

Back-to-School Family Pick-Up, 10:00 a.m.

August 6

Summer Choir, 9:30 a.m.

August 10

EFM Registration Deadline

August 13

Summer "Stay And Play" after the 10:30 a.m. service
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

August 16

Outreach Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

August 20

Summer "Stay and Play", after the 10:30 a.m. service
Worship Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

August 27

Information Forum for All Ages, 9:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer after the 10:30 a.m. service

August 29

Soup Kitchen, 11:30 a.m., Christ Church

August 30

Children's Choir, 3:45 p.m.
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Request

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 4:6-7*

I would like the community of St. Paul's to hold

in prayer.

I would like the community of St. Paul's to hold the situation described below in prayer.

You may place this prayer request in the basket near the lectern or bring it with you to the Healing Prayer Service. All prayers will be read.

* If you would like someone added to the prayer list in Sunday's bulletin, please call the church office at 434-979-6354.

