

## 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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## NZALI NUGGET

Welcome to the first edition of the *Nzali Nugget*, a vehicle for highlighting St. Paul's Ivy's mission work in our sister parish in Nzali, Tanzania. Every month the Carpenter's Kids Committee will be providing an update on a variety of topics to keep SPI parishioners informed about our worldwide outreach activities. Be on the look-out for a new *Nzali Nugget* in the Vine and bulletin each month!

Our work in Nzali continues to flourish, and what began seven years ago as a simple mission to help seventy of the most disadvantaged children in the Village attend school, has now grown to encompass activities which have had a major impact on the entire community. Whether providing clean water, grain to alleviate starvation, or the construction of a beautiful new church, the parishioners of St. Paul's Ivy are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters half-way around the world. Jesus taught us in Mark 12:31 to, "*love your neighbor as yourself*". There is no better example than the love we show to the people of St. Paul's Nzali.

## SANCTUARY SCAVENGER HUNT FOR CHILDREN

Parents, consider giving your children a fun and educational opportunity with a scavenger hunt. A page of photographs of key parts of our worship space is available on the children's table in the back of church. I invite you to come to the sanctuary sometime other than when worship is in progress to find each of the items and discuss their meaning and use in worship. (\*parent talking points will be provided to help explain the items on the scavenger hunt) When you've completed the scavenger hunt, present the checklist to Ms. Audi for a prize.

## RACE & RECONCILIATION GROUP READING

Extra copies of Debbie Irving's *Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* may be found on the information table at the back of the church. Parishioners who cannot attend the Book Group evening meetings are welcome to borrow a copy to read on your own. Simply read and return.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH READING

*In His Spirit* by Richard J. Hauser, S.J. is a short, eminently practical book on prayer and recognizing the Holy Spirit moving within us. He demystifies St. Paul's injunction in Ephesians to "pray always" and suggests what Paul might have had in mind when he explained to the Galatians "I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The book not only helps one understand how prayer transforms us to live a life in Christ, but also provides a rationale for slowing down and making space to hear the Holy One. Three copies of this 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

October 2017

*"Thou hast made us for thy self, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." - St. Augustine*

A number of years ago, there was a cartoon in *The New Yorker* depicting Adam and Eve as they are being expelled from the Garden of Eden. Adam turns to Eve and says: "My dear, we live in an age of transition." I guess that was true for them and certainly it's true for us.

The longer I live, the more I realize how much of our time is spent negotiating the transitions in our lives. Sometimes it feels as if we never really arrive at the perfectly idealized destination of our fantasies. Rather, we always seem to be on the path to "somewhere" and then before we know it we're on to somewhere else. I find that it helps a lot to hold fast to this conviction: that what we do while we're getting from one place to another matters at least as much as what we do once we arrive wherever it is we're going.

As a student of aesthetics in my graduate school days, I came to appreciate that in good music, art or literature, transitions are crucial to the sense of movement. Often the heart of creative expression is in the journey rather than the destination. In Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, the pilgrims fascinate us, not upon their arrival, but rather as they make their way to Canterbury.

The Christian life, or any spiritual or religious life involves negotiating the transitions in our pilgrimage toward God. And as we make our way in that journey, God is always and forever moving toward us.

In this time of transition in our life together as a parish, we will walk together along paths both familiar and unexplored, both reassuring and at times discomfoting. My prayer for each of us is that we find our way together, knowing that in our movement toward God and the future, God is always and forever moving toward us.

The Very Reverend Zachary Fleetwood

*Interim Rector*

### Adult Formation Schedule for October

October 1: Lived Experience: The Intersections of Identity in our Daily Lives

October 8: How Whiteness Has Played a Role in the Structural Nature of Oppression

October 15: Theodicy

October 22: Theodicy Follow-Up Session

October 29: Gracious Uncertainty – Faith in the Second Half of Life

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# OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS DAY SERVICE WITH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 1

Bring your pets, large or small, to the church to receive a blessing at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, **October 1**, the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis. The youth will be accepting donations of pet food for our Outreach clients.

### CELTIC READING GROUP

October 8

Just started in September, this group meets to cover a chapter at a time of Margaret Silf's *Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way*. In October, we consider the topic of the High Cross, and the sacred space on which it stands. Participants in the group are invited to share a picture or an anecdote of a "thin space," a space which feels connected to the Divine. Come join the group on Sunday, **October 8**, at 4:00 p.m. in Neve Hall. All are welcome! At 5:30 p.m. the monthly Celtic Eucharist will begin. For more information, contact Nancy Briggs at landnb@msn.com.

### ST. PAUL'S CHOIRS WANT YOU!

Choirs have started their fall schedule, but if you would like to sing it's not too late to participate. We can always use more voices at any point. We especially welcome extra singers in the Advent/Christmas cycle.

**Children's Choir:** Wednesdays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. in Parish Hall

**Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Please contact Daniel if you'd like to discuss how you'd like to participate, or if you'd just like to chat about music! daniel@stpaulsivy.org

### 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.

## A Very Happy Birthday To:

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Peter Dudley<br>Ryan Madagan<br>Robbie Mascotte                                        | 15 Tonchie Vest                                                             |
| 2 Olivia Mott<br>Mark Stancil                                                            | 16 Tricia Branch<br>Sierra Wangensteen                                      |
| 4 Martha Roberts<br>Jameson Wagner<br>Houston Wood                                       | 18 Anne Coalter Betts                                                       |
| 5 Sidney Foster<br>Stuart McClintic<br>Camp McElveen                                     | 19 Elizabeth Corbin<br>Paul Halliday<br>Lauren Kase                         |
| 6 Alexandra Dudley<br>Branch Ellis<br>Sophie Gibson                                      | 20 Betty Jennings<br>Caitlin Morris<br>Debbie Scott                         |
| 7 Paige Miller                                                                           | 21 William Spicuzza                                                         |
| 8 Sara Piper                                                                             | 22 Harriet Bell<br>Kate Burns<br>Ken Cherry                                 |
| 9 Ryland Adkins<br>Greg MacDonald                                                        | 23 Marianne Cole<br>David Harriman<br>Sarah Spaulding<br>Ryan Winkler       |
| 10 Charles Manning<br>Cassandra Morris                                                   | 24 Anne Bibb<br>Parker Borches<br>Mary Chinn<br>Ted Kelly<br>Margaret Kelly |
| 11 Jane Crawford<br>Anne Early<br>Alexander Grainger<br>Elizabeth Piper                  | 25 Vic Dandridge<br>Jared Loewenstein                                       |
| 12 Ashley Craddock<br>Cheri Early<br>Amelie Hereford<br>Lucas Osada<br>Campbell Williams | 26 Steve McLean<br>Laura Terry<br>Sarah Tremaine                            |
| 13 Ethan Madagan<br>Ed Newton<br>Liam Shiner<br>Linda Uihlein                            | 28 Elizabeth Bunin<br>Eric Farr<br>Hunter Holden<br>Monica Markelz          |
| 14 Keen Davies<br>Clarke Haley                                                           | 30 Lilly Bower<br>Eric Kallen                                               |
|                                                                                          | 31 Peggy MacMillan                                                          |

### 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

EfM, 9:00 a.m., Neve Hall  
Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
Scottish Country Dance Class, 7:00 p.m.,  
Parish Hall

### Every Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Choir Practice, 3:45 p.m.  
*All children in 1st through 5th grade are welcome.*  
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.  
*Open to all adults and teens. Please join us!*

### Every Thursday

Race & Reconciliation Book Group, 7:00 p.m.

### October 1

Intercessory Prayer after the 10:30 a.m. service  
Pet Blessing, 5:30 p.m.

### October 8

2018 Nzali Trip Meeting, after the 10:30 a.m. service  
Celtic Spirituality Reading Group, 4:00 p.m.  
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

### October 9

Church Office Closed

### October 18

Outreach Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

### October 19

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 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.

