

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:

PACEM

St. Paul's Ivy will host the PACEM women's homeless shelter from **February 3 through 10, 2018**. Teams of cooks and servers will be needed as well as crews to set up and take down the site, and a variety of other jobs. Last year PACEM sheltered 216 individuals during the winter season. Through the diligence of the PACEM staff supported by participating faith groups 30% of last year's guests are now in permanent housing. Be a part of this ministry! Contact Gina Thornton for information and to get involved. gthornton470@gmail.com or 975-3438.

ST. NICK GIFTS

Please consider bringing joy to one of our pantry children this Christmas! There will be wish lists available in the parish hall, beginning **November 26**, and we are also happy to accept gift certificates, cash or checks (please write "St. Nick Gift" in the memo line) and we'll do the shopping for you! All items need to be brought to St. Paul's Ivy by Sunday, **December 17** for pantry distribution the following week. If you have any questions, please contact christian.simmers@gmail.com.

NZALI NUGGET

Our relationship with the people grows closer each year as we teach the children in the Nzali Primary School. This year we were thrilled by the highest turnout of students ever on our first day in the school, when we gave out all the supplies we had brought. We taught English language skills to the students in Levels 4 and 7 to prepare them for a national exam testing their English skills. We provided children's big books, skits, and booklets with drawings to offer writing prompts and coloring opportunities, as well as journals with songs and maps. The soccer balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, and ring toss provided a fun way to develop friendships between the American missionaries and Tanzanian students. The Nzali teachers learned new ways to teach language, and saw how to use the new materials. We participated in a round table to hear the teachers' concerns, so we would know how to help and what to pray for. We are praying especially for the new preschool class of 120 students meeting in one classroom with teacher Jennifer. We loved working with our friend Theo Vicent, one of our first translators, who is now Head of School. She and Pastor Petro of Carpenter's Kids recently worked together to purchase new English textbooks that will meet revised national curriculum requirements.

YOUTH EXPERIENCE: MOSQUE OPEN HOUSE

A group of youth and myself enjoyed a truly wonderful afternoon at the Islamic Society of Central Virginia's Open House at the Charlottesville Mosque, Saturday, October 14. We had a tour of the Mosque, ate incredible home-made multicultural foods, viewed Islamic art, learned how to write our names in Arabic, received Henna tattoos and made new friends. More importantly we learned about the five pillars of Islam faith. Our youth in attendance were surprised to discover some familiar components between the two faiths. Most notable to the youth was how welcoming everyone was and the number of volunteers it took to put on the event. If you're on Facebook, be sure to check out the St. Paul's Ivy church's page to see photos from our experience. *ع ل يكم ال سلام* (As-salam Alaykum) English Meaning: Peace be upon you.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH READING

Our friend the Rev. Jane Sigloh has published a wonderful book of reflections entitled *Gracious Uncertainty: Faith in the Second Half of Life*. Her lively stories about her own life and the questions she had about God and Jesus reassure the reader that questions lead to discovery of a stronger faith. Also, we are in such great company with all our own questions about liturgy, Eucharist, and God's plan for us and those we love. Jane looks forward to the ultimate discovery of what lies beyond this life, and gives comforting images and wise words for the journey. Known for finding wisdom in the everyday ups and downs of life, she encourages us to reflect on God's graciousness in our midst, and trust that despite our doubts, we are in the hands of a loving God. 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

The Very Reverend Zachary Fleetwood, Interim Rector

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St. Paul's Ivy Episcopal Church

November 2017

A Generous Season

First, please know what a joy it is for me to be with you during this year of transition at St. Paul's, Ivy. Your warm welcome, encouraging words, and generous spirit have touched me deeply. I consider it a privilege to share life with you, to hear in our conversations what this parish means to you, and to learn of your hopes and dreams for the future.

Worship at St. Paul's feels rich and full. Every Sunday, I sense the depth of your engagement and our shared connection to the mystery of God's presence in our midst. Our worship together provides a meaningful context for celebrating our unity and diversity within the spacious family of God.

Sunday worship is an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the many blessings of life. It is good and right that we pause to count our blessings and to take joy in the goodness of life. Some blessings are to be found in our memories. Other blessings we discover in our hopes and anticipations. Still other blessings surround us constantly day by day. Gathering for worship Sunday upon Sunday, we stand in awe of God's spirit of abundance and extravagant generosity.

Wherever you are in your journey with God, St. Paul's offers a place for each of us. In Christ's welcoming embrace, we know that we are home in this place. We know that in the bread broken together, we are one in the Body of Christ.

This month we will soon have a particular opportunity to celebrate the blessings in our lives as we observe that quintessentially American holiday, Thanksgiving. The word *Liturgy* means "the work of God's people". It is our primary work as the community of the faithful. And lest we forget: the whole of each Sunday's liturgy is known as the Holy Eucharist. And the word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word for *thanksgiving*. So I bid you "happy thanksgiving" both now and always.

The Very Reverend Zachary Fleetwood

Interim Rector

Adult Formation Schedule for November

November 5: Carpenter's Kids

November 12: The Eucharist, Part I

November 19: Annual Parish Meeting – No Adult Forum

November 26: Advent Wreath Workshop (all ages) – No Adult Forum

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NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENSONG FOR ALL SOULS DAY

November 5, Día de los Muertos Reception Follows

Celebrating all faithful departed, Sunday, **November 5**, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a worship service of prayer, candle lighting, and hymns, featuring music by Rorem, Faure, and Clausen. A festive Día de los Muertos reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) GRADUATE GROUP

Begins November 6

An EfM Graduate Group will begin on Monday, **November 6**, in Neve Hall, meeting from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The group will meet the first and third Mondays of each month and will follow the EfM format of check-in, worship, discussion of reading, and theological reflection. In the new EfM curriculum from the University of the South, Interlude books are assigned for all four years to read together. We will consider the Interlude book assigned for this year, Verna Dozier's *The Dream of God*, in the second November meeting. Please bring a short spiritual autobiography of no more than eight minutes to the first meeting, where we will get our group organized. All past EfMers are welcome! For more information, contact Debbie Scott (Debbie@stpaulsivy.org.)

DINING OUT FOR PACEM

November 30

On Thursday, **November 30**, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., when you purchase your meal and mention PACEM, Jason's Deli, located at 900 Shoppers World Ct., will donate 15% of the meal's price back to PACEM. Please RSVP for the event because the meal will only happen if at least 20 commitments to eat are made by Friday, November 27. To RSVP, please visit: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/42893>
We look forward to seeing you for dinner to benefit PACEM's ongoing work to reduce homelessness in the area. Please share this information with your community groups, co-workers, family, and friends. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Read throughs begin November 19
Pageant December 17*

Anyone in grades 1 through 5 are invited to read for a speaking part. Read throughs begin Sunday, **November 19**.

ADVENT MEDITATION MORNING

December 9

On **December 9**, treat yourself to a morning of peacefulness as we are led into periods of silence with meditations by the Rev. Rick Lord. Engage with the Holy in community at this time of preparation for the coming of our Lord. You are welcome to bring a journal, reading materials, or art supplies to use in the silences between meditations. You may wish to have a meditative walk outside or walk the indoor labyrinth in the silences, as well.

The morning will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast offering. The first meditation will begin in the church at 9:30 a.m. The quiet morning will conclude by 11:30 a.m. Please register for the event by Thursday, **December 7**, with Debbie Scott at Debbie@stpaulsivy.org, so that we may be prepared with the appropriate amount of food and supplies. Friends are welcome to attend!

CELEBRATE MARY'S "YES!"

December 17

Celebrate Mary's "Yes!" at special Eucharist on **December 17** at 5:30 p.m. Save the date for this special contemplative service where we celebrate the Annunciation and reflect on Mary's role as a woman of faith. Guest preacher for this service will be the Rev. Grace Cangialosi, with the Very Rev. Zachary Fleetwood presiding at the Eucharist. Icons of Mary will be placed in the church for this service.

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.

Happy Birthday!

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Michael Butterfield
Jimmy Shannon
Caroline Turner | 2 Everett Wheeler | 3 Karen Blair
Eliza Burns
Ned Butler
Benjamin Shiner
Cooper Stancil | 4 Ethan Dunstan
Nicholas McGowan | 5 Bob Belton
Gray Delany
Ella Taylor
Joseph Taylor
Charles Vavrik | 6 Baird Snyder V
Ben Tolson | 7 Chris Willms | 9 Emily Envall
Thomas Warren
Bud Zirkle | 10 Clare Carter
Julie Daum
Clark Diehl
Anne-Carlyle Lindsay | 11 Louise Bowling
Mil Nuechterlein
Curtis Thornton | 12 Adam Diehl | 13 Quinn Eliason
Luke Hald
Leslie Sullivan | 14 Jim Carmichael
Caroline Fagerli | 15 Jeffrey John
Sarah Schoenig | 16 Dean Dass
Mason Fogg
Billy Mott III
Xan Rinehart
Benjamin Taylor | 18 Carlin Barber
Erich Dass
Amy Halliday | 19 Jane Baer
Alex Butterfield
Schuyler Hultman
Samuel King
Tucker Noelke
Andrew Rome
Donna Tolson | 20 Susan Thornton | 21 Shannon Burns
Madeline Hald | 22 Christian Chirichetti
Whitney Henderson | 23 Brian Bassett
David Cooke
Cathy Lively
Nora Wood | 24 Nina Bowen
Zach Hoffman
Bonnie Wood | 25 Normajeane Hultman | 26 Liza Greene
Pat Greene
Sarah Taylor | 27 Charles Cole
Mary Garth Flood
Nathan Hawkes
Ben Whitlock | 28 Chris Bull
Taylor Guss | 30 Mary Margaret Holden
Ann Simmers |
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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.
EfM Graduate Group, 3:00 p.m.
(First and third weeks only)

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.
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday

Race & Reconciliation Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
Last meeting November 16

November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back
Intercessory Prayer, 11:30 a.m.
Evensong for All Souls Day with Día de los
Muertos Reception, 5:30 p.m.

November 12

Celtic Spirituality Reading Group, 4:00 p.m.
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

November 15

Thanksgiving Outreach Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

November 16

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

November 19

Annual Parish Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Vestry Election
Pageant Read Throughs Begin, 9:30 a.m.

November 23

Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m.
Church Office Closed Thursday and Friday

November 26

Ingathering Sunday
Advent Wreath Workshop, 9:30 a.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.

