

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 Welcome Ministry.

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

Questions or Comments:

RACE & RECONCILIATION

This past fall, in the eight weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, a group of 15 members of our St. Paul's family participated in a book study, using the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. Written by a woman who identifies as white and who was raised in a community and culture that was mostly white, this book explores the issues of white privilege and systemic racism and tells her story of a growing consciousness. Like many of us, Ms. Irving was an adult before she became aware of the inequities that are built into our society and how they have continued to keep Black Americans from sharing in what many describe as the American Dream.

Discussing this book together led us to new insights about our own unconscious attitudes and the ways in which we participate in an unjust system, albeit unknowingly many times. Our awareness was raised and we were given food for further thought.

This book discussion was yet another step for our parish towards fulfilling the mandate of the national church to "Become the Beloved Community". This mandate came out of the 2015 General Convention and is a call for the church to be a leader in healing the wounds that divide our society, with racial healing being at the forefront because of its pervasive and long-lived history.

This spring we would like to have another book discussion, using *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone, a prominent black theologian. This group would begin after Easter and probably run for six to eight weeks. We also would like to hear from others in the congregation about ideas you might have that will help our community step into the work of racial healing in and intentional and prayerful way. To share ideas, or for more information, please contact Dona Wylie at joydmw@gmail.com or 434-953-6185.

To Our Friends at St. Paul's, Ivy, Church,

Thank you for once again hosting PACEM's women's shelter in our 14th winter of helping people who are homeless in our area. We want you to know how truly blessed this community is to have congregations like yours to help in our mission to provide shelter for our neighbors in need. We greatly appreciate your willingness to prepare and serve dinner, to work with partner congregations, and for all the snacks, and hospitality you provided for the guests in a warm, welcoming, and compassionate environment each night. In addition to shelter, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy, also provides generous financial support for PACEM every year. Your financial help supports the cost of PACEM's shelter staff in your church. The graciousness of the entire PACEM Family makes it possible for us to remain open throughout the winter. Thank you for hosting PACEM's women's shelter again this year, for the hands of all your volunteers, the graciousness of opening your doors, and your willingness to work with other congregations in our community to address the immediate needs of our neighbors.

Sincerely,
PACEM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy

March 2018

LENT – FALLING AND RISING

There is a legend about a young Russian man who went to the wise old religious leader in his community. The young man said, "What can I do? I have fallen into sin." "Rise again," was the reply. "I rose up and fell," said the young man. "Rise again," was the reply. Finally the young man said, "How often must I fall and rise up?" To which the wise old man replied, "Until your death."

The story of God's love for us is filled with images and people who fall and rise up. From the beginning of creation through the persons we meet in Holy Scripture to the person in the pew next to us at worship, we know that falling and rising up is the very stuff of which our lives are made. Lent is not a time during which we try harder to keep from falling. Rather it is a time to develop a renewed trust in the One who lifts us when we fall, holds us when we are weak, comforts us when we are sorrowful and binds us together in the community of faith. "Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord" (Psalm 9:10).

How might such trust become relevant in the here and now? It's no secret that making time for quiet prayer and attentive listening has been the anchor for Christians throughout the ages.

This Lent, consider the following possibilities for nourishing trust:

- ✘ Practices of "fixed prayer" such as saying one or two of the daily offices in the Book of Common Prayer (*See the short offices on pages 136-140*).
- ✘ Reflect on the Lectionary Readings for Sunday *before* you attend St. Paul's weekly parish Eucharist as preparation to hear the loving voice of God in your heart. Consider joining us for the Lenten Wednesday Eucharist at 11:30. Bring a bag lunch and join in the "African Bible Study," – a simple way to reflect on Scripture with others. No preparation needed!
- ✘ Exercise - go for a "Sabbath" walk or run and renew synergy of body, mind, and spirit.
- ✘ Have a conversation with one of the clergy or a trusted friend – for encouragement and spiritual direction.
- ✘ Consider a financial gift to the needy or the gift of your time to support someone in need.

I am grateful to walk the way of Lent this year with the community of God's people at St. Paul's, Ivy. It is here that we encourage one another to pay attention to matters of the heart and to what we most deeply trust. Left to ourselves we might not choose to engage such contemplative practices. God knows we need them and that we need each other.

We fall, and we rise again.

Fr. Rick+

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MARCH 2018 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

SPECIAL EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

March 11

Calling any parishioner who knits or crochets! A Prayer Shawl Ministry is forming to provide specially made shawls to anyone who is ill, suffering from loss (e.g., family member, friend, marriage, job, pet), or just needs a little support from the St. Paul's community. We will meet once or twice a month, learn different patterns for prayer shawls, prayerfully knit and crochet, and get to know one another. Regardless of whether you are experienced at knitting or crocheting, a beginner, or just want to learn, this group is for you! Come join us in the parish hall for an introductory meeting on Sunday, March 11, at coffee hour. Bring a friend! Yarn, needles, hooks, and patterns will be provided or you can bring your own. Questions? Call Sara Fry at 508-896-7023.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PARENTING WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Open to the public at Olivet Presbyterian Church

"iParent 101", is a course presented by Child Psychologist, Dr. Adam Pletter. Dr. Pletter has been working with adolescents in a clinical setting for the past seventeen years, and for the last thirteen has really focused his work on developmental consequences of technology in adolescent development, and what appropriate usage looks like. This workshop he calls "iParent 101," will help parents navigate the challenges of digital parenting. He is not a faith based presenter, but will offer lots of good practical information for parents. I hope you will join me!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28

Children aged 4 to 9 are invited to join us for our four-day program from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our theme is not yet set, but you can count on a special experience where your children will have the opportunity to grow closer to God, enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, art, friendships and more! This event is free and you are welcome to invite friends.

ANNUAL SHRINE MONT WORK WEEKEND

April 6 to 8

Friday evening, April 6, through Sunday lunch, April 8 (the first weekend after Easter). Volunteers are needed to spend a fun and giving weekend to help get Shrine Mont ready to open for the new year. Room and board provided. Projects to suit all skills and strength levels. For details, please talk to past attendees: Tim Tolson, Jimmy Lawrence, Jeff Hill, Dean Dass, Luke Wright, Steve & Kathy Thornton, Karen & Brandt Smith, and Bruce Sullivan (among others). We hope to see you there! To register, please contact either Tim Tolson, tfjtolson@gmail.com or 434-823-5899, or Shrine Mont Work Weekend Coordinator Tom von Hemert, tomvonhemert@gmail.com or (434) 823-2331.

ADULT FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 4: Bibliology Follow-up session
 March 11: Sacramental Theology
 March 18: Sacramental Theology Follow-up session
 March 25: Palm Sunday – No Adult Forum

SPIRITUAL GROWTH READING

A book that is generating much interest among the Education for Ministry (EfM) graduate groups across the country is Verna Dozier's *The Dream of God*, an Interlude book for the enrolled EfM group members this year. Known for her efforts to renew the ministry of all believers, she offers her spin on Bible stories to urge the reader to consider what God would have each of us do. Even if you don't agree with her Biblical interpretation, the opportunity to reflect on where the difference lies between her views and your own is worth the read, as is her theme, that each of us is called to participate in God's dream of relationship with all creation. Three copies of this book may be found on the information table at the back of the church. Simply read and return.

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Mark Diehl
Taylor Dudley
Wilson Foster | 18 Elizabeth Stuart |
| 2 Beth Snyder | 19 Philip Adkins
Mary Collier
Joan Leibl
Kelly Shannon
Charlotte Wilcox |
| 3 Virginia Speidel | 20 Ingerlise Ware |
| 6 Linda Dixon
Karen Smith | 21 Carolyn Achenbach
Gwynn Dent
Tyler Noelke |
| 8 Spencer Envall
Zoe Kinney
Caroline MacMillan
Todd Miller | 22 Sammie Magargee
Susan Oncu
Lydia Vernon |
| 9 Jenna Lawrence
Samantha Rome | 24 Liliah Barber
Michelle Bushrow
Nina Willms
Olivia Willms
Richard Wright |
| 10 Caroline MacDonald | 25 Kathy Wesson |
| 11 Bailey Dent
Joseph Richmond
Dona Wylie | 27 Ben Haslup
Frank Hereford
Virginia Miller |
| 13 William Vavrik | |
| 14 Jake Beard
Danielle Bushrow
Melissa Oliver
Elliott Schoenig
Justin Scott
John Thornton
Don Timberlake | 29 Jason Farr
Alec Kast
James Kast
Collins MacDonald
Grace McClintic |
| 16 Dean Eliason
Carol Thornton | 30 Lauren Yancey |
| 17 Joseph Milbank | 31 Kellen Haley
Chris Speasmaker
Carter Speidel
Elizabeth Vernon |

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.

Every Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 11:30 a.m. (12:00 on 3/28)
 Lenten Brown Bag Lunch, 12:00 p.m. (1:00 on 3/28)
 Children's Choir Practice, 3:45 p.m.
 Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

March 4

Intercessory Prayer, 11:30 a.m.

March 5

EfM Graduate Group Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

March 11

Blessing of the Hounds, 11:30 a.m.
 Celtic Spirituality Reading Group, 4:00 p.m.
 Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.
 Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 15

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

March 19

EfM Graduate Group Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

March 26

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 p.m.

March 27

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 p.m.

March 29

Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 30

Good Friday Service, 12:00 p.m.

March 31

Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

April 1

Easter Service, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 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.

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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.

