

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:

NZALI NUGGET

We have recently received reports from Nzali that the prolonged drought in east Africa unfortunately persists. The "new" weather pattern in the Region seems to be early, heavy rains which wash away much of the initial seed, followed by a persistent dry spell. Despite the villagers' attempt to cultivate crops using newly introduced Conservation Agriculture practices, if the weather does not cooperate, yields will remain sub-par and our friends in Nzali will go hungry. Most currently subsist on one meal a day...if that.

The Carpenter's Kids Committee will be sending funds to the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in Dodoma for the purchase and distribution of grain to our Village. If you would like to financially contribute to this effort, please contact any CK Committee member or simply write and mail a check to St. Paul's, Ivy, noting Nzali famine relief on the memo line. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support of this important mission.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SUGGESTED READING

The suggested reading for April is Joan Chittester's book *Radical Spirit*. Chittester, a Benedictine, has quite an array of books to her credit, as she seeks to impart wisdom from the Benedictine tradition that all of us can follow. In this book, she offers "12 ways to live a free and authentic life" by detailing parts of the Rule that focus on the virtue of humility. She guides the reader who would learn to build an authentic interior life to do the following: commit to self-understanding, spiritual growth, a spiritual tradition, and a spiritual guide. The fruit of this interior work is spiritual freedom.

Nancy Briggs offers her thoughts on Sister Joan's writing: "Joan Chittester never disappoints me. Her down to earth writing is filled with insightful reflections. She presents her ideas with a clarity that enables the reader to understand them. But, perhaps, most of all, we are given the gifts of her wisdom to reflect upon and use in our lives."

Three copies of this book are available on the information table in the sanctuary. Simply read and return.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHRINE MONT RETREAT

Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17

Join fellow parishioners June 15 to 17 relaxing and renewing weekend at Shrine Mont, the retreat center of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, just an hour and a half from Ivy. We begin Friday evening with a cookout and campfire. Spend the weekend hiking, swimming, fishing, reading, reflecting, or relaxing in the tranquil surroundings. We will gather for a game night and ice cream party Saturday night, and Sunday worship in the outdoor shrine.

Generous meals are served family style in the dining room. Shrine Mont offers comfortable accommodations in houses and cottages. Most rooms have private attached bath and care is taken to place everyone in comfortable and suitable surroundings. If you have any physical limitations, cottages are available with drive up access close to the dining hall.

Registration forms are available in the rear of the church or visit the website Registration is open until April 21. To learn more about Shrine Mont, visit <http://www.shrinemont.com/> or e-mail Mary Hardy at mkh2q@virginia.edu.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy

April 2018

HE IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

I dare say that fear is often the great elephant in the living room of our lives. Fear is the unnamed demon that can eat away at our hearts and spirits. It's something almost all of us share at one time or another. And it keeps us from being whole.

Fear of the evils of war or terrorism or gun violence. Fear that others might recognize you as a fraud or that you're not really who people think you are. Fear that I will fail. Fear that I will run out of time. Fear of hurt or suffering or cancer or dementia. Fear that my love will not be returned. So much of the time, at some silent level deep down in our psyches, we can be held hostage to fear.

Easter is the antidote to fear. Resurrection faith is faith that begins to trust what was said in the first message of Easter itself: "Do not be afraid." In most accounts of the resurrection, somewhere in those accounts there are the words or the sentiment, "fear not."

You and I are invited to live an Easter life. Living an Easter life is like being scooped up in the arms of a loving God, trusting God to take us on the most extraordinary, most wonderful, most beautiful ride of our lives. Easter is about living a joyous, loving and abundant life, refusing to be held hostage to our fears, confident in the future, in the sure and certain hope that God awaits in that future with arms outstretched to embrace us and hold us fast.

Happy Easter, my friends!



The Very Rev. Zachary Fleetwood

ADULT FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- April 1: Easter Day – No Adult Forum
- April 8: Georgia's Healing House
- April 15: St. Paul's In Transition: A Conversation with our Interim Rector
- April 22: The Old Testament: "Wisdom Literature"
- April 29: Theodicy

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APRIL 2018 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

MEN'S GROUP DISCUSSION

April 8

Do you have an interest in revitalizing the Men's Group at St. Paul's? What has worked well in the past? What might such a ministry look like in the present? All men are invited to meet with Fr. Rick for a conversation in Neve Hall on **April 8** following the 10:30 service. No prior involvement is necessary, just a desire to think about some possible ways men might be of encouragement to each other in these times. Please come with your ideas and suggestions. If you are interested but unable to come, please email your thoughts to Fr. Rick at rick@stpaulsivy.org.

MAGICAL STRINGS CONCERT

May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Returning to St. Paul's, Ivy, for their third time, the musically talented team of Pam and Philip Boulding will present a harp and hammered dulcimer performance on Friday, **May 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will be offered in Neve Hall following the concert, and CDs will be offered for sale. Their newest CD is *Fairy Wind*, which includes their daughter, a violinist with the Seattle Symphony. Private lessons may also be scheduled by sending an email to Philip at info@magicalstrings.com. Suggested donation for the concert is \$15.00.

VBS: GOD'S PIONEERS

June 25 to 28, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 to 9 are invited to join us as we learn about several prominent Biblical pioneers and draw lessons from their lives. A pioneer is one who goes before, preparing the way for others often with great difficulty, but with optimism, determination and faith that it will be worth the struggle. This summer's VBS experience will reinforce all these themes and show us how God longs for us to be pioneers of the spirit and make a difference in this world. Each day will include opportunities for music and song, art, storytelling, building community, outreach and lots of fun! You are welcome to invite guests!

Please register your children using the following link to our on-line registration, where you can also volunteer to help: <https://goo.gl/forms/VH73JSX9CIRkhhbWZ2>

Note: Children (age 10+) and Youth are invited to be camp counselors.

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Cyndy Boggs
Lydia Taylor
Wyant Wharton | 17 Frank Hereford |
| 2 Willy McClintic | 18 Ann Barnes
Fletcher Gillespie
Peter Harriman
Carter Henderson
Barbara Kopin
David Wood |
| 3 George Carter
Christian Simmers
Hunter Ware | 19 Betsy Bell
Peter Bull
Ethan Cole |
| 4 Jordan Diehl
Allison Miller
Katie Smith
Paul Yesawich | 20 Jeff Shooter |
| 5 Brooke McConnell
Bob Pate
Holly Stancil | 21 Macy Stancil |
| 6 Cecilia Beresford | 22 Percy Mascotte
Eliza Osada
Hunter Palmer |
| 7 Charlotte Delany
Linda Ford
Caroline Palmer | 23 Will Carr
George Carter
Charlotte Daum
Nora Hayden
Molly Samuels |
| 8 Charles Sipe Jr. | 24 Adrienne Dass
Sam Train |
| 9 Andrew Harriman | 25 Julia Wheeler |
| 10 Amy Grace Cooke
Valerie Middleditch
Abby Palko
Jackson Rector | 26 Jack Eliason
Bob Lively
Tom Noelke
Annika Taylor |
| 11 Mark Begiebing | 27 Dick Kingsbury
Preston Nowlin
Clark Sipe
Emily Williams |
| 13 Peggy Williams | 28 Mary Beth Baer |
| 14 Joyce Colony
John Toole
Taylor Watkins | 29 Kyle Hultman |
| 15 Lauren Boggs
Sarah Cherry | |
| 16 Claire Kallen
Will Krehmeyer | |

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, 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Practice, 3:45 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

April 8
Intercessory Prayer, 11:30 a.m.
Celtic Spirituality Reading Group, 4:00 p.m.
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

April 16
EfM Graduate Group Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

April 18
Outreach Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

April 19
Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

April 28
Classical Guitar Recital with Fr. Rick, 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's, Ivy, Presents:

A Classical Guitar Recital with Fr. Rick Lord

Works by Weiss, Ponce, Bach, Sor, Tarrega,
Merlin, Reis

Saturday, April 28, 2018 in the Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. followed by a festive reception

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.