

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:

WHAT HAPPENS IN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL?

Children and youth ages 4+ are invited to a separate space during the first part of the 10:30 church service, the Liturgy of the Word, and return before the celebration of Eucharist. The purpose of chapel is to provide the children an opportunity to hear and experience scripture in developmentally appropriate ways.

The children process to the sanctuary steps led by Jr. Acolytes to receive a blessing before exiting. Entering the children's worship space is intentional. The children pause at the door and are individually invited to enter. Through routine and structure they become familiar with expectations for their behavior and comfortable knowing this is their sacred space complete with altar.

The heart of Children's Chapel is introducing the children to the stories of our faith. We follow the lectionary and using props and storytelling the leader brings the stories to life. Asking open-ended questions the children can reflect and respond to what they're learning.

Helping the children develop a prayer practice is another important feature of Children's Chapel. The children offer prayer requests of thanksgiving as well as the concerns on their hearts.

Because singing together is a powerful form of Christian formation the children enjoy singing songs under the leadership of our choir director.

If you're interested in learning more about this ministry, you're welcome to join us!

KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED

Have you noticed we lack plates, bowls, serving platters, and utensils for our fellowship events? Our parish hall kitchen need restocking and we need your help. St. Paul's has created a Bed, Bath & Beyond gift registry and you can shop in person or online. Don't forget to use all those 20% off coupons you get in the mail – despite the dates, they do not expire! Registry number is 546157954.

A special thanks to Mason Fogg who cleaned out and took inventory. If you have questions, please see Cass Morris or email her at cass@stpaulsivy.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SUGGESTED READING

Prolific writer Parker J. Palmer presents another inspiring book on authentic living in his just published *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old*. An octogenarian, Palmer keeps a hopeful outlook toward growing closer to God despite the challenges of aging. He finds the silver lining of aging, including the gift of his own failings and experience of grace, that he passes on to younger generations through mentoring. Instead of passing on the baton to younger people, he encourages different generations to continue to find meaning in their lives by listening to each other and working together.

Three copies of Palmer's book may be found on the information table at the back of the church. Simply read and return.

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PROPER TENSION

For a violin to sound the perfect note, several elements are critically important: the skill of the musician, the quality of the instrument and its proper tuning. If the string is too taut the note goes sharp; too loose the note goes flat. It's really an issue of "proper tension", isn't it?

This challenge of "proper tension" also plays itself out in the life of the church. Over the years, I've noticed that some congregations are too loosely strung. They are great at gathering friends, creating community, feeding and nurturing their members, but seem a tad self-satisfied. That warm fuzzy feeling can begin to take priority over any kind of urgency for mission as agents of the transformative ministry of Jesus Christ in the world.

At the other end of the spectrum, some congregations seem a bit too tightly strung. They have enormous energy for this cause or that, quick to decide who is for us and who is against us, who's in and who's out, doing lots of things that certainly look like accomplishments, yet underappreciating those qualities of life in community that simply don't quantify so readily.

In September we herald the beginning of a new program year. And with hopeful expectation for the future, we anticipate the calling of a new Rector. What a perfect time to adopt a posture of prayerful discernment about what that "proper tension" means for St. Paul's in the years ahead.

Within and beyond the walls of St. Paul's, Ivy, the world is crying out for what the Church at its best can offer. In that "proper tension" between grace and law, comfort and challenge, individual and community, tradition and innovation, risk and safety - lies the creative space in which this wonderful congregation can truly have an impact beyond measure.

The Very Reverend Zachary Fleetwood
Interim Rector

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AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Registration Deadline: Monday, August 13

Education for Ministry is a course designed for individuals who wish to enrich their faith in a supportive setting with others who are discerning how faith affects their life decisions. The four-year curriculum prepared by the University of the South School of Theology at Sewanee is a broad overview of the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, church history, and theology. How to examine the course texts for meaning is taught through a process known as theological reflection, which provides a vehicle for group discussion leading to understanding and action.

EfM will be facilitated this year by Debbie Scott and Charley Chabot, both trained EfM mentors. Registration materials may be obtained from Debbie Scott (Debbie@stpaulsivy.org). Registration is due to Debbie by August 13. Scholarships and payment plans are available to help with the tuition of \$375. Group size is limited to 12.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, August 28

On Tuesday, August 28, a group from St. Paul's, Ivy will journey to Washington National Cathedral for the evening labyrinth walk and service of Compline. Accompanied by music, the labyrinth walk is a contemplative walking experience with people of various nationalities, leaving one with the feeling of walking with the world. A silent labyrinth walk is also offered in the St. Joseph Chapel, and Compline is held at 8:15 p.m. Our group plans to be present in the Cathedral from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We will travel together from St. Paul's Ivy at 1:00 p.m., and plan to eat an early dinner at a nearby Washington restaurant in order to be ready for the programs. We will return to St. Paul's at about 11:00 p.m.

The labyrinths at Washington National Cathedral are canvas replicas of the labyrinth on the floor at Chartres Cathedral in France. As one walks the labyrinth with others, proceeding closer to the center for rest, prayer, or meditation, one may feel the peace of the Lord.

To reserve your spot in the carpool, please contact Debbie Scott at Debbie@stpaulsivy.org or Nancy Briggs at landnb@msn.com. All are welcome!

SUMMER CHOIR:

SONGS FROM IONA

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., in the church

Summer choir continues for all ages. You have one more month to get in on the fun! Song titles are listed below. Just show up on Sunday or ask Daniel for a copy of the music. Most selections are on YouTube!

August 5: *We shall break bread*

August 12: solo (no summer choir)

August 19: *Bread is blessed and broken*

August 26: *Jesus Christ, here among us*

CHOIRS START AUGUST 29

PARISH CHOIR

Wednesdays, Choir Room, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Sundays, 9:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. service

All are invited to sing in the choirs! The Parish Choir is open to all adults and teens. The choir leads the congregational singing and sings anthems at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service. We also prepare music for special services throughout the year, including Christmas, Easter, Evensongs, and Lessons and Carols.

- Open to all adults and teens
- Sing a variety of music from plainsong to Bach to world music
- Be part of an amazing community that forms through singing!

The Choir really wants to welcome interested singers! Even if you cannot commit to a full year, please talk to us.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – EXPANDED AGES!

Grades K–1, Wednesdays, Choir Room, 3:45 to 4:20 p.m.

Grades 2–6, Wednesdays, Choir Room, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

The Children's Choir sings for the 10:30 service every other week. The primary aim of the choir is to explore the gift of music as a way of connecting with our natural wonder, thanksgiving, and praying together.

- Open to all children grades K–6
- Be part of a singing, praying community
- Learn fundamentals of healthy singing and music reading
- Develop self-confidence and teamwork

Contact: Daniel Brinson, Daniel@stpaulsivy.org

Happy Birthday!

1 Taylor Borches	16 Miranda Wagner
2 Eileen Barber	17 Celia Belton Kathy Thornton Madeline Zirkle
3 Leah Armstrong John Bowen, V	18 Lillian Simmers
4 Kevin Leibl Jim Shannon Charles Sipe	20 Sandy Greene David Hawkes
5 Peter Henderson Tommy Williams	21 Anita Vere-Nicoll Beth Wharton
6 Audi Barlow	24 Ruby Nicoletti
7 Kyle Enfield Elizabeth Haslup	25 Daniel Brinson Tarpley Gillespie Jake Mascotte
8 Virginia Greenbaum Laura Schoenig Zac Tolson	27 Patty Breckoff Jimmy Jackson J.B. Milnor
9 Annie Hald	28 Jake Lindsay
10 Jeffri Adkins Erik Greenbaum Luke Magargee	29 Chuck Bruse Polly Hawkes
12 Tate Noelke	30 Joanne Shackelford
13 Kathryn Achenbach Blair Corbin George Vavrik	31 Maurie Carr Avery Reese Ibbeken

Register Children for the 2018–2019 Formation Year

<https://goo.gl/forms/g2XFrpkhlpXsXKLs2>

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. (except 8/13)
Centering Prayer, 11:45 a.m.

Every Tuesday

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

August 5

Senior Acolyte Recognition, 10:30 a.m.
Baptisms, 10:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer, 11:30 a.m.

August 12

Backpack Blessing, 10:30 a.m.
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

August 14

CK Meeting, 4:45 p.m.

August 15

Outreach Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.

August 16

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

August 28

National Cathedral Labyrinth Walk, 1:00 p.m.

August 29

K-1 Children's Choir, 3:45 p.m.
2-6 Children's Choir, 4:00 p.m.
Parish Choir, 7:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday, August 15

Is your garden over-producing in all this rain? Bring your bounty to the Food Pantry! Fresh fruits and vegetables are hugely popular with our clients. Don't have a garden but want to help? We need volunteers to provide fresh fruit and vegetables each month. The next pantry date is August 15. Please contact Christian Simmers (christian.simmers@gmail.com) if you have questions or donations.

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.

