

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Pleasant Valley, NY



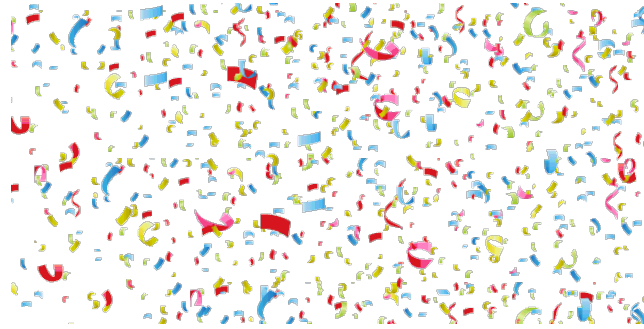
On The Road to Damascus...

The Weekly Email Blast

June 29, 2018

Schedule for Sundays in July/August
8:00am Morning Prayer Rite I w/Communion
9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Music.
(There will not be coffee hour during

July/August.)
Adult Education for July/August will meet
in the front pews of the church
following the 9:30am service.
Give the Adult Education gathering a try!



For those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries:

Blake Wilcox, Ellen Ann Kafkalas, John Colgan, Mike & Maureen Winzig,
Thomas Case,



Please pray with Mother Megan this week as she joins with leaders at Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook on a service-learning youth mission trip to partner with an Episcopal parish in Puerto Rico.

She will depart after church on Sunday, July 1st and will return in the late evening on Friday, July 6th.

Muchas Gracias!



Offering Altar Flowers in Remembrance & Thanksgiving

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, flowers are one of the ways that we can give thanks to God, remember, or simply help to beautify the church on Sundays. Do you want to give flowers to remember a loved one who has died; give thanks for a special intention, celebrate an anniversary, or any other important time or people in your life?

We are happy to have beautiful floral arrangements from Adams Fairacre Farms on Route 44 in Poughkeepsie during the year (except during Lent, Holy Week, and other more penitential liturgies) for the reasonable cost of \$35/week for both arrangements that are set behind the altar. Donors are invited to take the flowers after the second Sunday service, to share them among those attending the services that day, with someone sick, or someone home-bound.

Please sign up for your desired donation date on the flower chart in the *Narthex** of the church. If the date you wish to designate your offering is already filled in on the flower chart, please speak to Mother Megan. *All shall be well.*

Additionally, our weekly flowers are picked up and delivered by members of our Flower Delivery Ministry Team. Is this team a ministry you feel called to join? Please contact Esther or Marilyn if you would like to join this team and add your name to the rotation of flower-picker-upper-and-deliverer-ministers. Thank You!

**Narthex: an enclosed space at the entry end of the nave of a church; the area just inside the front door.*

***Nave: the main part of a church; the place where the congregation sits. Derived from an old word for ship; in older churches the beams of the roof resembled the beams and timbers in the sides of a ship.*



St. Paul's Outreach Ministries invites the whole congregation to pray (individually and together) about serving on our parish Outreach Team for the 2018-2019 program year (September through September). Our prayers about outreach ministry are welcomed, and encouraged, as we talk to one another about it and encourage one another about serving.

Opportunities for this summer:

RMM Backpacks

Donations Due Date: July 31st! Our back-to-school backpack supplies for children connected to Rural & Migrant Ministries are needed here at St. Paul's no later than Tuesday, July 31st. **Please bring your purchased supplies and/or cash donations to church with you by Sunday, July 29th** - we will be blessing our offerings in church before our Supply-Organizing-Ministers (Charlotte, Marilyn, Debby) put the donations in order and deliver them to the RMM office in Poughkeepsie. **Please contact Debby Glynn with any RMM backpack-filling outreach ministry questions: dglynn40@icloud.com**

Shopping List- Each backpack needs the following supplies:

- 4 composition books (no spirals)
- 4 sturdy 2 pocket folders
- a package of notebook paper
- a box of primary Crayola washable markers
- a 24 count box of Crayons crayons
- a soft pencil envelope that includes:
 - 1 package (12) of #2 pencils
 - an eraser and pencil sharpener

- a ruler
 - 3-6 ball point pens
 - 2 glue sticks
 - a pair of school scissors
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Our Parish Thrift Shop will be closed for July & August to allow the volunteers an opportunity to rest from this important work they do every week of every year! In years past the Thrift Store has closed for the summer months for reorganization, revitalization, and rest for our faithful and ever hard working volunteers. To assist the Thrift Shop staff in their summer mission, **please save your St. Paul's Thrift Store donations until September when they will begin receiving again.** Thank you! If you are unable to wait until September please contact The Barn for donation instructions. Additionally, the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church has a donation receptacle in their parking lot.

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop is the parish's largest annual fundraiser and has been extraordinarily successful thus far this year thanks to the diligent work of the volunteer staff and your donations. Please do continue with your generous donations when our shop reopens in September, AND... if you'd like to donate any of your time please see Ginny, Babs, or Ellen Kutner to ask about how you can help.

Thank You & God Bless You



From the Book of Common Prayer, page 820:

Prayers for National Life

Independence Day, July 4th

For our Country:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Are you interested in learning more
about Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation?**

Not quite sure what that means? **Keep reading!** And then speak with Mother Megan about any or all of these things:

When is a Bishop coming to Visit Us?

We find out the Bishop Visitation Schedule in the Fall of every year for the following calendar year - so stay tuned for more information as soon as we receive it!

From the website of the Episcopal Diocese of New York:

Episcopal Visitations: An official visit by one of our bishops is and should be a significant event in the life of any congregation. **The bishops are outward and visible signs of the Episcopal ethos, which makes us Episcopalians and which**

binds the tens of thousands of us in ten counties together as the Episcopal Diocese of New York, an identity in mission transcending parish bounds.

The sacraments of initiation – *baptism and confirmation* – are customary at the time of visitation, but not necessary. Parishioners can also be presented for *reception* into the Episcopal Church and to *reaffirm* their faith.

The bishop will also want to meet with the vestry, and to review the books in which the parish records of baptisms, marriages, confirmations and burials are recorded.

(Do you ever wonder why the ushers count how many of us are present and write the number on a slip of paper that goes on the top of the offering plate? It's because we keep a record of all of our services of worship and share our information with our bishop when they visit...we also submit this information for diocesan record keeping...AND it's helpful to make sure we have enough bread and wine for everyone present if it's a Eucharistic service!).

What is an Episcopalian?

From the website of the Episcopal Diocese of New York:

The Episcopal Church is a member of the world-wide Anglican Communion, with 70 million members in 164 countries. We are a community of Christians bound together by our belief that Holy Scripture contains the very core of all Christian faith and thought, by the many ancient and modern stories that connect us to Jesus and his teachings, and by discovering daily God's hope and call to us through our life together. The precise beliefs and practices of Episcopalians can be a puzzle to those raised in more rigid traditions—and even sometimes to Episcopalians themselves! We are not fully protestant, but at the same time are not Roman Catholic either. We offer no unquestioning obedience to a central authority—instead debating doctrine among ourselves and often agreeing to differ on it. Yet we also have splendidly dressed bishops and priests and deacons, just as the Roman Catholics do (except, of course, that many of ours are women, and our senior bishops are all elected), and we center our worship on the Eucharist, or Holy Communion. The connections that bind us can sometimes get lost in the smoke of debate, but they are there nonetheless, have deep historical roots, and are much more powerful than they sometimes seem.

[This section of our site attempts to describe those connections, and to bring together information and resources that will help both members and non-members of the Episcopal Church understand more about our shared beliefs and practices: where

we are coming from, and where we are going. It also includes practical information regarding the policies of the Diocese and of the wider Episcopal Church on who may take communion in an Episcopal Church, on what defines Church "membership," and on Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals.]



It's Graduation Season!

Are you a 2018 graduate?

Do you have a 2018 graduate you would like to celebrate?

Please contact Mo. Megan and we at St. Paul's will honor you during an upcoming Sunday service.

CJ Adams has graduated from Arlington High School and our parish is invited to celebrate with him and the entire Adams Family! Saturday, July 7th from 3pm to 11pm at the Adams Family Homestead: 251 Creek Road.

Please RSVP to Nancy Adams by July 1st. nadam@hvc.rr.com

God Bless You!



Next Parish Movie Night: Sunday, July 8th in the ADA Parish Hall. We have a new earlier starting time of 5pm with Pizza and Ice Cream to be served at an all new *Intermission*. Child Care provided from 5-7:30 (or until movie ends).

The movie title reveal....drum roll please! **KEEPING THE FAITH!**

Best friends since they were kids, Rabbi Jacob Schram (Ben Stiller) and Father

Brian Finn (Edward Norton) are dynamic and popular young men living and working on New York's Upper West Side. When Anna Reilly (Jenna Elfman), once their childhood friend and now grown into a beautiful corporate executive, suddenly returns to the city, she reenters Jake and Brian's lives and hearts with a vengeance. Sparks fly and an unusual and complicated love triangle ensues.

[synopsis source](#)



The next vestry meeting is this Monday, July 9th at 7pm.

August is a Vestry Sabbath month. We will reconvene on Monday, September 10th at 7pm.



**Pleasant Valley Weekend
July 27-29, 2018**

**PLEASE CHECK PARISH HALL
BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES!**

The Pleasant Valley Weekend Food Trailer Committee is asking for your help! If you wish to volunteer for the weekend, we STILL have plenty of hours available to work.

Contact information to volunteer:

Nancy Adams – (845) 464-2659/635-1448 or Barb Rawls (845) 635-8517/505-0048. The sooner the better for the 'prime' time slots! Sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall as well.

To date we have received \$70 in donations plus some cases of soda and water. We still need more. PVW may seem a long way off, but it's coming quicker than it feels.

This year we are also asking for cased donations of bottled water, Arizona Green Tea (plastic bottles please) Apple juice and CASH to purchase soda, peppers, onions, celery, mayonnaise and lemons. We will be selling the soda for \$2.00, and canned soda is too small so we need to stay competitive and offer larger bottled soda which is usually more expensive.

We need:

- 12 cases (24 pack or larger) of 16.9 oz water.
- 2 cases of Arizona Green Tea (tall cans)
- 1 Case of Apple Juice in single serve plastic bottles
- If you wish to purchase soda, please buy Coke or Diet Coke that are at least 16 oz.
- Cash...money works too!

Thank you in advance!

Nancy, Barb and Rick



We were able to save \$60 by going directly to Premio Sausage Company!
Guess what's in the boxes???



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, August 19th - immediately following our 9:30 AM church service, we will have one combined service for picnic day.

Our ANNAUL PARISH PICNIC at the home of Rick and Linda Harris – 59 Pond Hills Court – Pleasant Valley – 8 minutes from the church by car.

It is with much appreciation that Rick and Linda have again invited members of our parish to their home for this time of fellowship!! Their beautiful pool is all ready for us (bring your suits if you'd like to jump in!) -- last year we had a wide variety of food thanks to our parishioners who brought their favorite summer dish to share – we'll have a sign up sheet in church in July.

EVERYONE IS INVITED - SEE YOU THERE



Save the Date!

***Mid-Hudson Regional Council Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 9:30am-3pm
at St. James Hyde Park***

After our business meeting, we will engage with the topic of **CLIMATE CHANGE** and our role in caring for God's creation.

*Featuring keynote speaker, **the Rev. Jeff Golliver** and **Hudson River Playback Theatre**, a group that fosters change through storytelling, music and interactive performance.*

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche will preach and preside at Holy Eucharist.
More information and registration materials will follow soon.



Beginning on Sunday, June 10th, Rick Harris worked several days moving the immense pile of wood chips leftover from the tree work on our church grounds. All of the wood chips are now spread evenly just beyond the cemetery. What a wonderful gift to our Parish!

Heartfelt thanks to all who work so diligently here at St. Paul's - often out of sight - always in of our prayers of thanksgiving.



***** REMINDERS *****

Adams Gift Cards: Year-Round Fundraising

Available at both Sunday morning services. Please see Debby, Ginny, or Marilyn. St. Paul's receives 10% of the card value bought through our church. If you shop at Adams or give gift cards as gifts, our ministries benefit from this fundraiser. Thank You!

Communications

The website has ben updated to include a complete contact sheet (names, phones, address) for the entire parish. It is under the "login required" section. Please don't be put off, it is easy to set up a log in. All you need to enter is your name and email. If you have any problems or questions please reach out to Rita Carver at redutsa@gmail.com.

If you use Facebook, please like & follow the [St. Paul's page](#). Also, please invite people you know who may be interested in the mission and outreach ministries at St. Paul's. Let's get the WORD out!

Weekly Ministry Schedule:

First Wednesdays:

1:00 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite II w/prayers for healing - ADA

Access

PLEASE NOTE: We will not meet on 7/4 but on 7/11.

6:45 PM Ecumenical Food Pantry

PV United Methodist Church

Volunteers Welcome!

FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN AND OPERATING ON 7/4. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

All other Wednesdays:

1:00-2:30 PM Bible Study: Sepe Room, Parish Hall

Fridays:

6:00 PM: Evening Prayer in the Church

Sundays:

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Adult Ed: Sepe Room, Parish Hall

Children's Church School will resume in September 2018.

Stay tuned for details.



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2nd-5th Wednesdays:

Bible Study 1:00-2:30 PM - Sepe Room, Parish Hall

Fridays:

Evening Prayer 6:00 PM - in the Church

Sundays:

Adult Education 11:30 AM - Sepe Room, Parish Hall

Pastoral Care

The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, Rector

mothersanders@gmail.com - cell: 917.751.9568

Rector's Office Hours may vary from week to week based on the pastoral needs of our parish community.

Mother Megan will be in the office weekly and available for walk-ins from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Wednesdays,

unless noted otherwise in our weekly parish email:

On the Road to Damascus.

Her Sabbath time is Thursday/Friday.

In case of Pastoral Emergency:

Please call the Rector on her cell phone: 917-751-9568.

Please no text messages - hearing your voice is important.

On Thu/Fri, and when the Rector is away, you may contact one of the wardens:

Roger Tumbarello: 845-635-1220

Nancy Adams: 845-635-1448

They will be able to contact the Rector or the priest covering pastoral emergencies if she is away.

Stay connected through our Parish Website (www.stpaulspv.org), parish weekly email (email stpaulspv@gmail.com to sign up), and on Sundays with bulletin announcements.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Where Everyone is Always Invited!

--God Bless You.



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