



On The Road to Damascus...

Weekly Email Blast

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For those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries:

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RENEWAL WORKS

What information did last year's survey provide?

Sunday, September 23rd

11:15am in the **PARISH HALL**

This first Parish-wide workshop will be held in the **PARISH HALL** beginning at approximately 11:15AM, immediately following the 10AM Holy Eucharist.

What you can expect from this fabulous gathering:

1. the data from last year's spiritual life inventory presented in powerpoint format on the church's "big" screen.
2. this data is insightful and specific information you won't want to miss.
3. our parish had an 80% participation rate (EXCELLENT!) with these anonymous answers that will be interesting, fun, and can fuel our imaginations about who we are as Christian Episcopalians and as a church community that has been alive with Christ's ministries for more than a century.
4. this data can be used to help us continue serving God through our ministries as we are now, with all that we have and with all God has given us.

Please plan to attend and bring your open hearts and fabulous selves. Coffee hour will follow directly after the presentation.

DATE CHANGE!

Please join us Wednesday, October 17th at 6pm in the Sepe Room for the Fundraising Committee meeting.

It is a great opportunity to discuss new ideas. If you have any ideas but can't make the meeting please contact Barbara Jean Haight or Nancy Adams. See you then!



CROPwalk - October 14, 2018

CROPwalk is a national walk organized by Church World Service and run locally by Dutchess Interfaith Council. The proceeds go to hunger relief locally, nationally and internationally. 25% of the money raised in our CROPwalk stays local in our community, going to Dutchess Outreach, the Beulah Baptist Church Soup Kitchen and the Community Action Agency.

People can participate either by being a walker and getting sponsors or donating to one of the walkers. Debby Glynn will be getting the material out at the end of September.

CONNECT Mission & Schedule

Greetings! *CONNECT* is a year-round program for middle and high school students in the Mid-Hudson Valley which allows young people to grow spiritually, form friendships and serve our communities. Each month, the youth will gather with local faith leaders to reflect upon and embody what it means for each one of us to be a spiritually-minded person and an engaged citizen of this world.

The mission of *CONNECT* is fourfold:

Community. *CONNECT* is a place for young people from the surrounding area to come together, make friends and build community through fun and intentional activities.

Spiritual Growth. *CONNECT* offers a platform for members to feel safe as we explore our relationship with God, share contemplative practices and ask bold questions about what being a believer looks like in our lives today.

Service. *CONNECT* provides opportunities for youth to identify their gifts, gain new skills and expand their interests while actively serving our friends and neighbors.

Creative Expression & Communication. At *CONNECT*, we explore various modes of creative expression which allow everyone to express their ideas, hopes and dreams in their own way.

This is a co-creative community! We are eager to hear how you wish to grow with *CONNECT* this year. All ideas and suggestions are welcome!

We plan to meet every second Sunday, from 12 - 2 pm.

Below are the expected dates of our meetings. We recognize that life is fluid and thus we are open to change within the schedule as our group evolves. We will establish themes, activities and locations together, and will find effective ways to communicate with members and families as we co-create this year's program!

Sept. 16 — Connect Lunch and Info Session (Grace Church Millbrook)

Oct. 14 — Opening: Introductions and Envisioning (Grace Church Millbrook)

Nov. 11 — Nature: Apple Picking (Location TBA)

Dec. 9 **Jan. 13** **Feb. 10** **March 10** **April 14** **May 12** **June 9**

July — Mission Trip: More info to come!

TBA: End of Year Gathering/Reflection

Lunches: *Sharing a meal is a valuable act of community-building. We will strive to exercise sustainability and ensure that everyone has food they will enjoy. On occasion, we may ask that members bring their own lunch to CONNECT. We will inform members of specific lunch plans prior to meetings.*



***** REMINDERS *****

Vestry Meeting:

Monday, October 8, 2018 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall, Sepe Room

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

6:45 PM Ecumenical Food Pantry

PV United Methodist Church

Volunteers Welcome!

All other Wednesdays:

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

Fridays:

6:00 PM: Evening Prayer in the Church - on hiatus until the end of September!

Sundays:

9:45 AM Sunday School

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



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

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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 - on hiatus until the end of September!

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:

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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.

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--God Bless You.



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