

Sunday, March 11	
Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:4-10, Psalm 122, & John 6:10-15	
8:00 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:15 am	Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
10:15 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth
5:00 pm	Cursillo Potluck
Monday, March 12	
All Day Tea Room and Gift Shop	
8:00 am	Centering Prayer
10:00 am	AA
7:00 pm	Venture Crew
7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 13	
All Day Tea Room and Gift Shop	
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 730
7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 14	
All Day Tea Room and Gift Shop	
10:00 am	AA
4:30 pm	Better Together Study
5:30 pm	Cursillo Reunion Group
7:00 pm	St. Paul's Choir
7:00 pm	AA
7:00 pm	High School Youth
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, March 15	
All Day Tea Room and Gift Shop	
10:00 am	AA
11:00 am	Healing Prayer Service
11:30 am	Al-Anon
5:00 pm	Medical Outreach Clinic
7:00 pm	Boyscout Troop 2
Friday, March 16	
All Day Tea Room and Gift Shop	
7:00 pm	AA
Saturday, March 17	
7:00 pm AA	
Sunday, March 18	
Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:11-16, & John 12:20-33 (34-36)	
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Lord's work at St. Paul's. In the midst of some very trying times, you all have remained faithful to the task at hand. It has become more critical than ever that we stay focused. Ministry and mission must continue to be our top priorities, independent of where we meet on Sunday mornings. God is good, and God is in charge. Our servant faithfulness should mirror that of Isaiah when he said, "Here I am send me (Isaiah 6:8)" and that of St. Mary when she said, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word (Luke 1:38)." We will go where God goes!

Several months back, we provided commitment cards for you to fill out. Many of you did this, and we appreciate that very much! In the cards, we asked for one of three responses. Are you committed to continuing with St. Paul's parish family regardless of where we meet? We also left room for those who cannot see themselves leaving our current property, and for those who are undecided, to let us know that also. We reasserted our pledge not to think any less of anyone based on their choice.

I want to encourage those of you who have not filled out a card yet to consider filling one out for the following reasons.

1. The contingency task force is making alternative worship plans for Sunday mornings (if it comes down to that). In this planning process, we will need to look at the alternative locations for worship based on what would be most convenient. We will also need to know the size space based on projected Sunday attendance.

2. The vestry and the contingency task force will need to prepare an estimated operating budget based on the numbers of people who will be traveling with us. Ministry will only go on uninterrupted if we have a clear financial plan in place.

3. Commitment cards may also become a vital bargaining chip in the ongoing negotiations with the National Episcopal Church. As our chancellor, Brandt Shelbourne, pointed out at our Annual Parish Meeting, at some point, it is going to be essential for us to lay out all the facts. If we lose our property, here is what to expect.

If TEC begins to understand the strength of our position moving forward and the weakened position they will be left with, perhaps options will open up that neither side ever considered. These commitment cards are not about being showy or self-righteous or spiritually elite. They are merely tools for planning for our future and being good stewards over all God has given us.

If you haven't already filled out a commitment card, please do so today. You will find them at the exits of the church. Your participation would be much appreciated.

Thanks and God's Blessings,  
Fr. Tripp+

Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven

Guests



WELCOME, We're glad you're here!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8:00 am CB ☐ 10:15 am CB ☐ 10:15 am DH

☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ New to Area

☐ Looking for a church home

☐ Regular Attending Non-Member

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to receive emails from St. Paul's

AGE

\_\_13-19 \_\_20's \_\_30's \_\_40's \_\_50's \_\_60's \_\_70's+

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about:

\_\_\_ A new life in Christ

\_\_\_ Membership at St. Paul's

\_\_\_ LifeGroups

\_\_\_ ALPHA

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS ☐

If you would like your request concerning health, death, or other concerns to be added to our public prayer, please indicate by marking the box. All others will be put on the confidential prayer list for 3 weeks.

Place form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table to receive more information and a gift.

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To reserve a cover or if you have a submission for the Sunday News please contact Shelley Fipps the Tuesday before you want the addition.

## MEMBERS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8:00 am CB   ☐ 10:15 am CB   ☐ 10:15 am DH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE

### CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### CHANGES ONLY

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

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Anonymous comments will be discarded.

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS 843.873.1991

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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS MORNING

**Welcome** to St. Paul's! We hope to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels welcomed with open arms. Here is the information that you need to know for a successful morning of worship and Sunday School:

- **Worship as a Family (all ages):** At St. Paul's we encourage families to worship together on Sunday mornings, therefore children in third grade and older will remain with their parents throughout the service. If you or your children are not comfortable with this, please know that we understand and recognize that it might take time to develop the routine. We're here to help, so don't hesitate to ask a priest or Tina Smith about successful family worship.

- **Kids Church** (K3 –2nd grade) starts the same time as "big church" so bring your child to the Worship Center prior to the service start time. There you will find computers to sign in your children. There will be one computer for families attending services in Doar Hall and another for families attending services in the Church building. Please use the appropriate computers. They will print color coordinating name labels so that our little ones are taken to the correct service.

- Once they enter the Worship Center they will find lots of friendly faces welcoming them along with activity centers that will start their lesson time. They will continue with these until the sermons have ended:
  - ✚ If you are attending the Church building service, please pick your child up at the end of the sermon.
  - ✚ If you are attending the Doar Hall service, please look for your child entering the sanctuary and wave to them so they can find you.

**Communion**—Anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. **Please note:** The Communion elements consist of real wine and bread or wafers containing wheat. Please ask the bread server for gluten free wafers. Receiving one or the other of the elements is considered participating as fully in the Eucharist as anyone who receives both.

All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today to receive a gift and information about St. Paul's.

**Giving**—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We have electronic giving centers in Doar Hall for debit and credit cards. St. Paul's does not want anyone to incur debt in order to give to the Lord. We offer the electronic giving centers as a convenience.

**Giving Envelopes**—are available for your convenience. You may pick up a pack in the church office, in the back of Doar Hall, or the Church Building.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Today**

- † Middle School Youth Group will meet in the C/Y Building at 5:00 pm.

### This Week

- † March 14: High School Youth Group will meet in the C/Y Building at 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Dates

- † **March 23-25**, EPIC! Sign up on our website on the youth page.

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- April 2-6**
- , Spring Break!

Korey Kincaid, Director of Youth Ministries

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date:** Sunday, April 15 we are having a fundraiser for Honduras. We will have Frogmore Stew and hotdogs. If you would like to help in any way please contact Cathie Diggs (843.486.0009 or [clizad83@gmail.com](mailto:clizad83@gmail.com)). Make sure to add this date to your calendar.

**HELP! Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) and Ushers Needed:** A LEM is a layperson licensed by the Bishop to administer the elements of the Eucharist. St. Paul's is in particular need of LEMs in the church building at the 8 am service. We need ushers particularly at our 10:15 am Church Building service. Ushers help make our worship services run smoothly, and our first-time guests feel loved and cared for. An advanced schedule will be handed out, and training will be offered for both LEM and usher positions. If you are interested in serving the Lord through these ministries, please contact Sue Beson, our parish administrator.

**All Night Vigil:** Sign-up sheets are in place in the church and in Doar Hall for the Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018 all-night vigil. Please sign up and “keep watch for one hour”.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cursillo: Today, March 11** - Potluck dinner at 5:00 pm in Skardon Hall. Come and enjoy music, food, fun, information and fellowship. We invite everyone to come and bring a friend. All interested are welcome.

**First Communion Classes: Sundays in March and April** - Receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time is an exciting and special time for any child, their family, and the entire Parish! Communion preparation classes are scheduled for March 11 & 18 and April 15 & 22, at 9:00 for children in the 1st - 5th grade. First Communion Sunday will be April 29. These classes are designed for children to understand what Communion is and why we celebrate it. If you'd like for your child to participate in this class or if you have any questions, please contact Tina Smith.

**St. Paul's Men's Hike: April 12-15** - It's that time again! Interested in getting away for a weekend to the North Carolina Mountains. Join us on the Men's Hike, April 12-15, 2018 as we seek to meet the Lord in the mountain wilderness. Contact Tyler Prescott for details ([tylerp@stpaulssummerville.org](mailto:tylerp@stpaulssummerville.org)) or sign up online: [stpaulssummerville.wufoo.com/forms/z1eqp47c1yz6d3h/](http://stpaulssummerville.wufoo.com/forms/z1eqp47c1yz6d3h/).

