

<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	
Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:1-10, Psalm 23, & John 10:11-16	
8:00 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:15 am	Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
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3:00 pm	Confirmation Classes
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth
<b>Monday, April 23</b>	
8:00 am	Centering Prayer
10:00 am	AA
7:00 pm	Venture Crew
7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, April 24</b>	
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 730
7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	
10:00 am	AA
5:30 pm	Cursillo Reunion Group
7:00 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training
7:00 pm	High School Youth

<b>Thursday, April 26</b>	
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
<b>Friday, April 27</b>	
7:00 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, April 28</b>	
7:00 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	
Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:11-24, Psalm 66:1-11, & John 14:15-21	
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## April 22, 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Grace and Peace to You All,

First off, on behalf of our staff, vestry and myself, we would like to thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's Church. Your time, talent, and treasure are what a friend of mine once called "muscle for ministry."

We have much about which to be thankful. For the first time in 18 years, we can say we are a debt-free church! We ended the budget year of 2017 in the black for the first time in many years, giving away a tithe (10%) of all we received to help relieve suffering and spread the Gospel locally and globally. The first quarter of 2018 is not so hopeful. Please read the report in our Sunday News bulletin.

What are the factors for this fall off? The current cloud of lawsuits hanging over us? Anxiety over our money being seized by the National Episcopal Church? Unrest over the new tax laws? Let me just say, our prayers and love go out to you if you are suffering from stress caused by any of these.

Allow me to bring a few words of comfort:

- ✝ The lawsuits are coming to an end soon. In the meantime, we assure you that NO GIFTS given for the church's ministry will be used for legal defense. We have developed a separate Legal Defense Fund to which people may voluntarily give if they choose.
- ✝ T.E.C. cannot get to our present funds because we use them for mission and ministry each month. We are a month to month operation that depends of the generosity of our saints.
- ✝ The future of our church is rock solid. Chances are quite good that, even if we lose in court, we will have an opportunity to negotiate a deal for our present properties. However, whether we stay or go, "God has a plan for us...plans for good and not to harm...to give us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11)."
- ✝ If you have been giving for the benefit of a tax write-off, I would encourage you to examine your motivations. Jesus called us to such examination saying, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be as well (Matthew 6:21)." Pray about where your heart is and seek to grow in faithful stewardship. Allow the Lord to be your primary motivation.

St. Paul reminds us, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

We are a blessed church with many wonderful ministries and amazing people. Your gifts are the "muscle" for that ministry! If you are not currently contributing toward the Lord's work at St. Paul's, prayerfully consider starting. If you are able to increase your giving, don't let fear of anxiety hold you back. Let's all push forward together with glad and generous hearts for God's great glory by reversing this current trend!

Blessings and Peace, 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.

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

**Clergy:**

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, *Bishop of South Carolina, XIV*  
 The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, *Rector* frtripp@stpaulssummerville.org  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# 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 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

✚ Confirmation Class from 3-4pm in the C/Y building

✚ Middle School Youth Group from 5-7pm in the C/Y building

### This Week

✚ Wednesday (4/25), High School Youth Group from 7-9pm in the C/Y building

### Upcoming Dates

✚ Confirmation Sunday, May 20th!

✚ Middle School Year End Celebration, Sunday, May 20

✚ High School Year End Celebration, Wednesday, May 23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Shannon Reed:** We are thrilled to announce that Shannon Reed has agreed to join the staff of St. Paul's as our interim Kid's Church Coordinator while we search for our next Children's Minister. She will plan and coordinate Kid's Church: working with volunteers, organizing and implementing curriculum, and casting some fresh eyes on our Kid's Church program. Further, she has agreed to plan and organize Kid's Camp this summer! Shannon has terrific experience in children's ministry, serving in many capacities as preschool ministry worker, preschool minister and church event coordinator at First Baptist Church of Mauldin from 2003-2012 before moving to Charleston. Shannon and her husband, Collin, have two children, Jackson (16) and Olivia (12). She can be reached at the church office (843-873-1991) or email ([shannonr@stpaulssummerville.org](mailto:shannonr@stpaulssummerville.org)). Please give Shannon a warm welcome when you see her on campus!

**Praise and Glory Jar Drop Off:** Please remember to fill up your Praise & Glory Jars and return them either to Skardon Hall, or empty them into the large containers provided at the main entrances of Doar Hall and the Old Church Building. All collections must be in no later than next Sunday, April 29th. Thank you for your participation in this outreach to Nigerian women.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Korey Kincaid's Ordination: Saturday, April 28, 2018** - By the Grace of God The Right Reverend Mark Joseph Lawrence XIV Bishop of South Carolina will ordain Korey Lee Kincaid to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. The parish is invited to celebrate Korey's ordination on April 28 at 10:00 am in Doar Hall. There will be a reception in the Atrium afterwards.

**Annual Ladies' Bloomin' Tea: Sunday, May 6** - Mark your calendars and plan to join us from 3:30 pm -5:00 pm in the Doar Hall. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased in the Atrium after the 10:15 services. It promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, delicious "tea" treats and sharing. Ladies of all ages wear your hats, pearls, and jeans (there we will be a prize for the most creative hat)! The theme is becoming a vessel God can use: God accomplishes extraordinary things through ordinary people who believe God can and will use them - imperfections and all!

**Confirmation & Bishop's Visit: Sunday May 20** - It is with great joy that we get to come together to welcome new members into our parish this day. To celebrate together we will have one combined service at 10:15 in Doar Hall.

### Financials through the end of March

Operational Account	Annual %	Ends March 2018	Annual Budget	Projected
Thru % of year		25%		
<b>Income</b>				
Budget Income YTD	81.1%	\$281,701	\$1,128,232	\$915,442
Actual Income		\$228,570		
<b>Expenses</b>				
Year-to-Date Budget	98.6%	\$284,345	\$1,128,232	\$1,128,232
YTD Actual		\$280,415		
<b>Projected Year End Deficit</b>				<b>-\$212,790</b>