



August 2016

Saint Paul's Church

Gather by the River

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM

Rite I

8:30-9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast, Tyler Hall

9:30-10:30 AM

Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Coffee and Conversation, Tyler Hall

11:00 AM

RITE II

Following 11:00 AM

Lemonade on the Lawn

5:00-6:30 PM

EYC

5:30 - 6:15 PM

Celtic Evening Prayer & Communion
with Prayers for Healing

Our Sunday morning schedule offers wonderful opportunities. As well as providing ample and much needed time for substantive Christian Formation for all of us, it also offers us time to simply enjoy one another's company. Following the 8:00 service and again at 9:30 there will be time to grab a bite to eat, a cup of coffee or lemonade, and catch up with one another.

We look forward to everyone participating in Christian Formation and the full Sunday morning experience. Wonderful opportunities await us all to learn and grow and enjoy!

PARISH MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

Greetings! On behalf of your Vestry, we hope you all have enjoyed a safe, healthy, and fun summer. The Vestry proudly endorses a renewed commitment in our church to Christian education and spiritual formation, as you will see in the following descriptions about many new weekly offerings.

On Sunday, August 14th, the parish will kick off all fall Christian Education & Formation offerings. ALL classes/offerings will be held between 9:30 and 10:30, followed by a brief social time in Tyler Hall before the 11 o'clock Holy Eucharist service. Also on the 14th, following the 11 o'clock service, the parish will gather for our annual Fall Kickoff picnic in the River Room. (More news about that soon).

We invite you to read about ALL the offerings so that you are knowledgeable about the great work underway and are able to share it with those looking for a church home. Some of the new offerings for children include **GodlyPlay** for our youngest and **Spark** for the older kids. Middle school youth will begin Journey to **Adulthood** while the upper school youth will explore **Living in Community**. Adults have two rich options. Father Muir will lead 10 sessions on "Flannery O'Connor and the Christ-Haunted South," and Father Jenkins will lead **Living in Community**; the same as the senior youth, so this may be of special interest to their parents.

All of these offerings will help equip us as a community to live and grow in our faith in this rapidly changing multi-cultural world. Both Fr. Jenkins and Ranie Neislar could use a few more helpers in several places, so please consider serving for a time and be in touch with either of them for details.

Formation is an important part of our calling as members of the Body of Christ. We **ENCOURAGE** and **INVITE** you to participate in one of these offerings at our **August 14th Kick-off** event.

In Christ,

Brad Sandbach
Senior Warden

Dea Baldwin
Junior Warden

Christian Formation FOR ALL AGES

9:30 - 10:30 AM Beginning August 14

ADULT FORMATION OFFERINGS

THE FORUM - FLANNERY O'CONNOR AND THE CHRIST-HAUNTED SOUTH; GEORGE MUIR

9:30 - 10:30 AM — 10 SESSIONS, CHAPEL OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, LOWER LEVEL, PARISH HOUSE

This fall we will once again enjoy a conversation with Flannery O'Connor. Over 10 weeks we will seek to understand her culture, faith and life with the help of Ralph C. Wood's exquisite book, *Flannery O'Connor and the Christ-Haunted South*. "Unique to Wood's approach is his concern to show how O'Connor's stories, novels and essays impinge on America's cultural and ecclesial condition. ...he argues that O'Connor's fiction has lasting, even universal, significance precisely because it is rooted in the confessional witness of her Roman Catholicism and in the Christ-haunted character of the American South." Come as we together delve more deeply into Miss O'Connor's unique understanding of our culture. Copies of the book will be available in the parish office. A \$15 donation is requested.



LIVING IN COMMUNITY — REDISCOVERING HOW TO BE CHRISTIAN TODAY; JOHN JENKINS & TBA

9:30 - 10:30 AM — BERLIN ROOM, UPPER LEVEL, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CENTER

What is a Christian? More important, how is a Christian to be distinguished from the general population? The Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, in a sermon on Easter Sunday, 1995, said, "We do well to remember that Christianity is not essentially about believing a series of doctrinal beliefs or adhering to the tenets of a particular Church. It means encountering a person who has overcome death and who is the Resurrection."

Living in Community examines our lives as Christians in today's world, and asks how we might more intentionally behave as Christians in today's world. We will study some elements of the Rule of St. Benedict, using it as a guidebook to guide intentional Christian living in the waxing years of the twenty-first century. The course typically runs throughout the formation year, August through May. Fr. Jenkins will lead this formation offering with assistance from various parishioners. Please contact John at ext. 205 or jjenkins@saintpauls.org to indicate interest or for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FORMATION OFFERINGS

LIVING IN COMMUNITY - UPPER SCHOOL FORMATION (GRADES 9+); RANIE NEISLAR & TBA

9:30 - 10:30 AM — YOUTH ROOM, UPPER LEVEL, PARISH HOUSE

Saint Paul's upper school formation offering is rooted in the **Living in Community** curriculum. Using the lens of Benedictine practices, we will explore the foundational necessity of participating in faith-communities and consider what it means to live an authentic Christian life in our quickly changing multi-cultural world. We will see how regular Christian practices observed in community point us towards Christ's message and way of life despite the overwhelming volume of modern media, email, sports, and pop culture. The discussion-based curriculum provides the basis for high school youth to experience the practices necessary to live out their faith lives as emerging young adults in a culture of endless options and diversions. The class will be taught by Ranie and one other adult from the parish. Please contact Ranie at ext. 206 or rneislar@saintpauls.org with questions or to explore how you can support and grow with this formation group.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FORMATION OFFERINGS

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD - MIDDLE SCHOOL FORMATION (GRADES 6-8); LEADERS: TODD SHAFER & MELISSA WILLIAMS - ALTERNATES: TBA
9:30 - 10:30 AM – EYC CHRISTIAN FORMATION ROOM, UPPER LEVEL, PARISH HOUSE

Our middle school youth and their adult leaders will walk together on the journey from childhood to adulthood as people of faith using the **Journey to Adulthood** curriculum. Through conversations that touch on four key areas of life—Self, Society, Sexuality, and Spirituality, our leaders will meet our young people where they are and model the care and community they need to develop their identity as modern Christians. This is a program about “being with” rather than “teaching to.” **J2A** builds tight bonds of trust and safety so that no matter what our young people experience in the world, they have a community at Saint Paul’s where they are known, loved, accepted, and honored as uniquely precious children of God. The group will be led by two adults with alternates as needed under the advisement of Ranie Neislar, our Coordinator of Youth Ministries. Please contact Ranie at ext. 206 or rneislar@saintpauls.org with questions or to explore how you can support and grow with this formation group.



CHILDREN’S FORMATION OFFERINGS

SPARK – GRADES 3 - 5; PRINCIPAL LEADER: MARY PAINTER; LEADERS: GAIL HARISON, MICHELLE HAWKINS, & MELISSA HECKATHORN
9:30 - 10:30 AM – SPARK ROOM, (ROOM 1), CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES CENTER

Our older children will immerse themselves in **SPARK**, a liturgically grounded program that follows the lectionary of the church year, equipping them to more deeply participate in our liturgical life through prayer, reflection, bible story discussion, and plenty of fun. Every lesson follows a four-part pattern: Gather, Open the Bible, Activate Faith, and Send. Week after week, the children and their leaders gather together explore the Scriptures, enjoy one another’s company, pray, and discover God’s presence in their midst.



GODLY PLAY – KINDERGARTEN TO 2ND (AGES 4-7); LEADERS: GINNY HENSON & JENNIFER MARR; ALTERNATES: DEA BALDWIN & KIM BUTLER
9:30 - 10:30 AM – GODLY PLAY ROOM, (ROOM 2), CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES CENTER

I wonder...

which of the Ten Best Ways do you like the best?

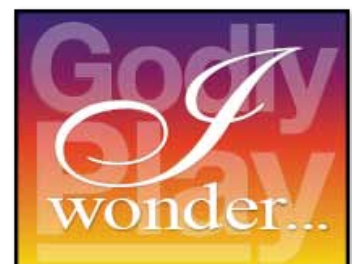
which one is especially for you?

where you are in the story or what part of the story is about you?

if there is any part we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

These are the some of the “wondering” questions we engage in with our children after telling a sacred story from Scripture or from our tradition.

Children inherently know God, but it is up to us to give them the language of the Christian faith so they can grow to make meaning of our faith in their own lives. We are VERY EXCITED to offer **Godly Play** at Saint Paul’s because we believe it is the very best way for our community to fulfill our baptismal vows to God and to our children. (See *Book of Common Prayer*, Holy Baptism, 302-3)





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AUGUST

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**KICK OFF
SUNDAY**

Following the 11 AM service

"Gather by the River"

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In the River Room

