



A Church for the City *A Church for You!*

Saint Paul's Church Program Guide 2026 - 2027



The beginning of a new program year gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves, how do I use my gifts to do the work God has called me to do? We invite you to browse this publication and look for ways that you can discover or rediscover where you belong, what you are called to do, and how we might grow together in God's Presence.

Dear People of Saint Paul’s,

In the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells a cascade of parables about the kingdom of God. Then he sums up what he has been doing in this long sequence of stories, rather surprisingly, by saying, “Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” We tend not to pay much attention to this little quip that seems like a change of subject from all the exciting parables that have come before. But this puzzling little phrase points to something important about who we are at Saint Paul’s: a community of faith with a long, valued history, that is always working to find new ways to love God, each other, and our neighbors.

Jesus’ scribe of the kingdom of heaven doesn’t throw out the old just because there is something new. Nor does the scribe decline to use what is new, just because it lacks age. Eager to share treasure or put tools to use, the scribe values the old while embracing the need also for the new, putting both to use for the kingdom of God.

As we hit print on this annual program guide (August, 2026), I can’t help but have stability and change, the old and the new, on my mind. The visual metaphor is beating down the door, as downtown lies in total disarray from long-running construction projects aimed at downtown renewal—some public works on roads and parks, and some new developments for housing, entertainment, or retail. And just a block away is Saint Paul’s, with our ancient pattern of prayer and our long-standing witness to the work of God in our lives, our city, and our world. Coming to work or worship at the church right now feels like inhabiting a metaphor: the messiness of change littering the ground around this edifice of endurance and apparent stability.

But that metaphor isn’t quite right, because our long endurance by the grace of God is not the opposite of the transformations happening all around us. We benefit from stability, but are not plagued by stasis. Or, to change metaphors, our deep roots aren’t just holding us up and in place: they are supporting and nurturing us as our ministries continue to grow in new directions. We can endure the messiness of necessary and/or inevitable change because our foundation in faith is reliable. We have been here a long time, and we are a part of the change that is going on all around us. Our memory is long, and our hope for the future is profound.

This program guide shows what we think we are going to do this year. You’ll find here treasures new and old, messy transformations and trustworthy familiarity. You’ll find a tremendous amount of faithful imagination and labor by the people of Saint Paul’s, working for the kingdom of God. You’ll find our current efforts to bring out of our treasure what is old and what is new, to meet the call of divine love today. I hope that you will find here where your calling and ministry can flourish among us. If you don’t find your place in this book, then you will find some of the gaps where we need to be growing in new directions. Tell us about them! We can do new things precisely because we have been around long enough not to be frightened of the future. Even if there’s a little mess between now and then.

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IF YOU’RE NEW, START HERE:

COMPLETE A CONNECT CARD FOUND IN THE PEW AND AT THE WELCOME DESK

Share as much or as little information as you’d like so we can connect with you. We’ll add you to our email newsletter and offer to get a cup of coffee.

SCHEDULE COFFEE WITH THE RECTOR

If you are a new member, new to the area, or simply visiting, we invite you to connect and grow with us. Join us for coffee and conversation with Fr. Eric Biddy — a relaxed opportunity to ask questions, learn more about Saint Paul’s, and get to know our church community.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Begin your Sunday morning with fellowship at Saint Paul’s! Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am in Tyler Hall for coffee and a continental breakfast before worship. On select Sundays, we’re also treated to homemade bagels with all the fixings—a favorite tradition! Everyone is welcome to gather, enjoy breakfast, and spend time with friends, both old and new.

GET TO KNOW US – COME TO A SAINT PAUL’S 101 AND A NEWCOMER EVENT

SAINT PAUL’S 101

New(ish) to Saint Paul’s? Looking to connect? Join us quarterly to connect with Saint Paul’s parishioners, clergy, staff, and lay leaders. These events are a great chance to familiarize yourself not just with the people but the facilities and ministry opportunities that make this church come to life. Light snacks will be provided.

NEWCOMERS’ EVENT

What better way to get to know your fellow worshipers than by sharing food & drink? These events are an opportunity to do just that. Heavy appetizers and lively conversation.

FIND A SMALL GROUP

Several parish life groups meet reguarly at Saint Paul’s including:

- ◆ Youth (EYC, twice a month, see calendar)
- ◆ Seniors (Senior Lunch, 3rd Wednesday, 12 noon)
- ◆ Young Adults (Common Ground Fellowship, 20’s - 40’s, 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm)
- ◆ Women (W.E.E.M, 2nd Tuesday 5:30pm)
- ◆ Lunchtime Bible study (Lectio at lunch, Thursday 12 noon)

SERVE IN A MINISTRY

Serving in an outreach parish life or worship ministry is one of the best ways to build community inside and outside Saint Paul’s. This program guide is full of opportunities for you to grow in faith, build relationships, and serve God, each other, and our neighbors. We’re happy to help connect you to the people and ministries in this guide. Ask a greeter on Sundays or contact the parish office.



SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday forum occurs every Sunday at 9:30am in the Berlin Room, covering a range of topics related to faith and life. This coming year, Sunday Forum will feature some of our regular series (Women of the Bible) and an extended exploration of the Episcopal Catechism. All are welcome.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH: THE CATECHISM AND CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY

Beginning August 9 throughout the program year.

9:30 am The Berlin Room

Facilitator(s): Fr. Eric

Tucked away in the back of the Book of Common Prayer, we can find a treasure called “An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.” Based on the Creeds, this Outline is structured in question and answer format. The format invites us to bring our own questions forward. And the generous nature of the provided answers invites us into deeper faithful exploration, instead of imposing easy, pat answers. For much of this year, the Sunday Forum will take the Catechism as an outline for exploring the questions that motivate our faithful exploration of truth and relationship with God. Watch the Weekly Postings for specific topics, and bring your own questions to add to our questions of faith.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, September 20; 9:30–10:30 am

Join the Stewardship Committee as we celebrate the launch of our 2027 Pledge Campaign. We look forward to beginning this journey of faithful generosity together.

SUNDAY FORUM

THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE (3 SESSIONS)

Epiphany - Sundays; Jan 3, 10, 17; 9:30–10:30 am

The Daughters of the King sponsor our annual series focusing on Women of the Bible.

VESTRY SESSION (1 SESSION)

Sunday, January 24; 9:30–10:30 am

Join the vestry to prepare for the Annual Meeting. We'll discuss the budget and our priorities for 2027.

THE MONTY OSTEEN PLANNED GIVING

Sunday, February 28; 9:30–10:30 am

An informative presentation on planned giving and faithful stewardship. Learn how thoughtful planning can support Saint Paul's mission for generations to come through charitable giving, endowments, and estate planning. Discover ways your generosity can help grow the love and ministry of Saint Paul's for years to come.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE BISHOP (1 SESSION)

Sunday, April 25; 9:30–10:30 am

Facilitator(s): Bishop Frank Logue

All parishioners are invited to a conversation with the Bishop. The open forum allows for a wide range of topics and always a lively conversation.

ADULT FORMATION



SPIRITUAL EXPLORATIONS: EIGHT DOORWAYS INTO THE LIFE OF FAITH

September - April

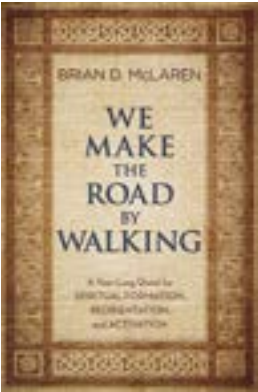
2nd Sundays of the month;

4:00-5:15 pm, The Berlin Room

Facilitator(s): Various Guests

How do you draw near to God? For some, it's through silence; for others, through music, poetry, the body, or the face of a neighbor in need. Spiritual Explorations is an eight-week adult formation class that will meet from 4:00-5:00 pm the second Sunday of each month beginning in September. Examples of offerings may include such topics as meditation, writing poetry, praying with sacred art, drawing/painting the parables, Gregorian and Taize chants, dreamwork, spiritual collage, and finding God in nature. Each one-hour session will consist of a brief introduction, allowing time to briefly experience the practice. All supplies will be provided, and no experience is necessary— only your presence and willingness to participate. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a doorway here for you. You are welcome to come to all of the sessions, or pick and choose as your interests and schedule allow.

For further information contact Lydia Bliven at bliven@comcast.net or Linda Hardy at lindahardy703@gmail.com



LECTIO AT LUNCH
Thursdays at noon
Tyler Hall
Facilitator(s): Kitty Gordon

Text: *We Make the Road by Walking*, Brain McLaren. The book is not required but is available on Amazon and other outlets.

At this noonday Bible study we’ll share a light lunch and a figurative walk through the church year. Brian McLaren’s teachings loosely follow the liturgical calendar and offer meaningful insights on “aliveness” in the Christian journey. Donations welcome.

EfM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)
Thursday Evenings, September - May
Tyler Hall
Facilitator(s): Tom Smyth

The Education for Ministry program (EfM) is designed to help move individuals toward a deeper understanding of the fullness of God’s kingdom and one’s individual and shared role in it. We do this through study of scripture, Christian history, theology and ethics, accompanied by development of skills in theological reflection. The weekly meetings typically begin with prayer and worship followed by discussion of our readings and reflections on how the Christian tradition, culture, and experience shape our beliefs and our actions. There is considerable room for exploration in EfM: Questioning and uncertainty often are catalysts for spiritual growth.

Registration for EfM begins in July and meetings begin in early September, contact Tom Smyth for additional information.

THEOLOGY UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Facilitator(s): Fr. Eric

The problem with easy answers is that they tend to fall apart when life gets hard. This program is for folks who have been disappointed by easy theological answers, and are ready to start thinking again after deconstruction or disappointment. Together, we’ll explore tools for living faithfully and authentically with the hard questions. The program is not a trauma-informed support group, but a workshop to start thinking again with new tools.



CALLED INTO BEING (10 SESSIONS)
Facilitator(s): Fr. Eric

Called into Being is an intensive small group program to help us discern and articulate our own callings (vocations) in the church and the world. Our approach throughout is based on telling, hearing, and joining stories: the stories God is telling in our lives, the church, the world, and at Saint Paul’s. Along the way we’ll touch on some Bible, theology, and methods of prayer, all directly related to our own lives and ministry. With God’s help, this program will empower us to live and practice our faith with confidence and joy.

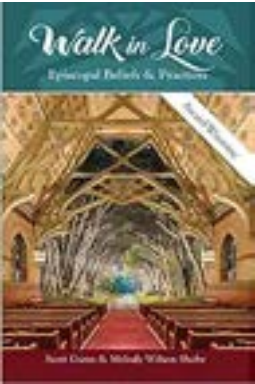
ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS OR RECEPTION (5 SESSIONS)
Sundays, Beginning February 28; 12:20 pm
(Bishop Logue’s Visitation will be on April 25.)
Facilitator(s): The Clergy

Confirmation in the Episcopal Church is the sacramental rite in which the candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP 860). God has always already said yes to us; confirmation and reception gives us an opportunity, as relatively mature people, to say “yes” to God and a particular way of following God. It is also how you “sign up” to be a full Episcopalian. All are welcome, including confirmed members who want a refresher.

This class prepares confirmands for confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows on the Bishop’s visit, April 25. Lunch will be offered; details TBA.

LENTEN SOUP AND STUDY (5 SESSIONS)
Wednesdays, Beginning February 17
Facilitator(s): Fr. Eric

This coming Lent, a group will meet once a week in the evening to share a simple supper and discuss a good book together.





CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

At Saint Paul's, we are committed to helping children and youth grow in faith by creating a welcoming, safe, and nurturing environment where they experience God's love and learn to serve others. Through Christian formation, fellowship, and shared experiences, we encourage each child to develop a lifelong relationship with God while building lasting friendships within our church family.

Throughout the year, children and youth are invited to participate in Sunday morning formation, Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) on Sunday evenings, retreats, and special events designed to strengthen their faith and sense of community. Friends are always welcome to join us.

Our ministry is strengthened by the support of volunteers. Parents are encouraged to serve as chaperones for one or two Sunday evening EYC gatherings each semester, and we also welcome volunteers to assist with Sunday morning formation. Whether teaching, supervising, or simply being a caring presence, volunteers help create a place where every child and youth can grow in faith and feel they belong.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S FORMATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FORMATION: SUNDAYS, 10-10:45 AM



THE SAINT PAUL'S NURSERY
Children 6 weeks-4 years
Every Sunday - 9:20-12:30pm

The nursery is staffed each Sunday with two nursery caregivers who are required to complete training and certifications to ensure your child's safety. We will be happy to assist you in getting your child settled in the nursery so you can enjoy church without having to worry.

GODLY PLAY
4K – 2nd Grade
St. Francis Room

Godly Play follows the circle of the Church year and is a space where children of all ages learn the stories of God and the language of the Christian people in a Montessori style format. It is a space that gives permission to play, wonder and allow for big questions.



UPPER ELEMENTARY
3rd-5th Grade
St. Patrick Room

Each week's lesson helps our children understand the Church's beliefs and practices following the model of the Holy Eucharist: gather, tell the sacred story, pray, share and send forth. Laughter and creativity are woven throughout.





SAVE THE DATE - CHILDREN

PARENTS' AFTERNOON OUT

Parents' Afternoon out is an afternoon for parents to reconnect and recharge while their children enjoy special activities. Parents may drop off their children, ages 3K–5th grade (must be potty trained), at Saint Paul's for the afternoon. Children will participate in a lesson, craft, and/or park play. Snacks will be provided. For questions, please contact Aubrey Hinkson at ahinkson@saintpauls.org.

*Four afternoons will be announced throughout the year: October, December, March, and May. Please be sure you are signed up for our weekly emails for dates and additional information.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

August 2 - Children's Ministry Open House and Ice cream Social

August 9 - Formation and Choir begin

August 29 & 30 - Acolyte Festival/Lock-in at Saint Paul's

September 27 - Ironman Cheering Station: Kids are invited to make a sign and cheer on the runners on the patio outside the River Room.

October 4 - Blessing of the Pets: Kids are invited to bring their pets for a blessing, 4 pm in the churchyard.

Fall Parents' Afternoons Out:
October Pumpkin Painting TBA

Fall Parents' Afternoons Out:
December Ornament Making TBA

November 29 - Make an Advent Wreath to kick off the season of Advent.

December 6 - St. Nicholas Sunday

December 20 - Christmas Pageant: The children's program will be part of the service on the 4th Sunday of Advent. The program lasts between 5-10 minutes. Every child is encouraged to participate in this special event. Children should plan to attend formation regularly in the weeks leading up to the pageant to prepare.

December 20 - Reception following the 11 am service including a hot chocolate bar hosted by our children to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

February 9 - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 28 - Winter Family Dance

Winter/Spring Parents' Afternoon Out:
March Putt Putt TBA

March 21 - Children's Palm Procession

March 25 - Children's Service of foot washing and Communion on Maundy Thursday

March 26 - Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard at 10 am.

Spring Parents' Afternoon Out:
May Day at the Movies TBA

May 16 - Pentecost Procession



EYC - EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

GRADES 6TH-12TH

Two Sundays/Month, 5-7 PM

Our youth will gather for food, fellowship and fun. We encourage youth to bring a friend or two. Throughout the year we have various outings and events for our youth to engage with the church and one another.

Our EYC gatherings will focus this year on service and fellowship. As we meet twice a month, one Sunday we will host a fun activity and the following meeting will be focused on serving in our community. See a tentative schedule below. Please ensure you are signed up for weekly emails and part of the group text thread by contacting Aubrey Hinkson at ahinkson@saintpauls.org.

Fellowship Events

- Pool Party Kick-Off
- Costumes & The Crypt
- Pajama and Movie Night
- Caroling and Cocoa
- Bowling
- Top Golf

EYC - EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Service Activities

- Augusta Dream Center
- SafeHomes of Augusta
- Snack Pack Packing at Saint Paul's
- Ronald McDonald House
- SPCA

Acolyte Festival

Acolytes in grades 3-12 will gather overnight at Saint Paul's Church on August 29th for games, fellowship, workshops and worship to learn and grow in their abilities to serve. Register by August 20th at bit.ly/acolyte2026.



YOUTH EVENTS AT HONEY CREEK

Honey Creek plays host to several annual diocesan youth events including Happening, New Beginnings, Fall Gathering, Spring Fling, Toil & Sweat, Confirmation Retreat, and more.

We encourage our children and youth to enjoy summer camp at Honey Creek in June.

- High School Camp (completed grades 9-12) / TBA
- Camp St. Peter (completed grades 6-8) / TBA
- Camp Sts. Joseph & Mary (completed grades 3-5 TBA)

For more information, connect with Mary Grace Wynn by emailing mgwynn@gaepiscopal.org.



THE WAYFINDERS: MIDDLE SCHOOL
6th-8th Grade
Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:45 AM
St. Benedict Room

Discovering faith, step by step, children will reflect on the Episcopal tradition of being on a journey of faith; inviting students into identity and purpose.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION
9th-12th Grade
Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:45 AM
St. James Room

The Episcopal Youth Formation is focused on faith and practice responding to God’s call to love one another. We will structure conversation to explore their faith, ask questions and be in community with one another.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you’re a high schooler and considering confirmation, let us know. Confirmation is the sacrament marking a young person’s public affirmation of their baptismal faith and commitment to living as a Christian. Confirmation class will begin January 2027. If you are interested in being confirmed, please contact Aubrey Hinkson to prepare for The Rite of Confirmation.



CALENDAR EVENTS

August 2026



AUGUST 1-31 - School Supply Drive for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are gathering backpacks and books for the children at Hornsby Elementary School. A list will be provided.

AUGUST 2- Back to School Blessing We're sending our students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. All students, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to bring book bags, briefcases, or laptops to be blessed for the new school year.

AUGUST 2 - Prayer Pals Build meaningful intergenerational friendships through our Prayer Pals program. Registration begins at 12:15pm in the Saint Patrick room, join and be paired with a youth or child for prayer throughout the program year.

AUGUST 9 - Kick-off Sunday Our program year begins again with a full schedule including our formation programming for parishioners of all ages. (See this program guide for class offerings).

AUGUST 11 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) Kickoff meeting will feature a time of reacquaintance with W.E.E.M.'s vision and mission. There will be a time for slowing down through Centering

Prayer and Guided Meditation through music and sounds with Mother Kimberly Dunn.

AUGUST 12 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. Join us for a Faith discussion.

AUGUST 15 - Ramp Building Saint Paul's Hands Extended: Join a group of parishers as we build an accessibility ramp for a neighbor. Contact Mother Kimberly.



AUGUST 23 - Serve at Snack Pack Outreach Help us pack 200 Snack Packs to meet the greatest need of our immediate neighbors. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal.

AUGUST 23 - Saint Paul's 101 New(ish) to Saint Paul's? Looking to connect? Join us 12:30 pm in Tyler Hall to connect with Saint Paul's parishioners, clergy, staff, and lay leaders. These quarterly events are a great chance to familiarize yourself not just with the people but the facilities and ministry opportunities that make this church come to life. Light snacks will be provided.

AUGUST 26 - Common Ground Fellowship: Compline This group for adults in their 20's to 40's will meet in the chapel for 20 minutes of silent prayer together, followed by Compline. Afterwards, we'll enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

AUGUST 27 - Caring Prayer Caring Prayer is a group for anyone who might be helped by love and prayer. We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support.

AUGUST 29 & 30 - Acolyte Festival - Lock-in at Saint Paul's Youth 3rd grade or older and all current acolytes are encouraged to attend this annual training opportunity. This overnight lock-in begins Saturday at 1:00 pm and concludes Sunday at 12:30 pm after the 11 am service. Join us for a fun-filled weekend of fellowship, games, learning, and faith!

AUGUST 30 - Greeter Orientation The Invite, Welcome, Connect team will hold training for Sunday greeters from 12:30 -1:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining this team is encouraged to contact Jackie Pingel or Dianne L'Heureux.

September 2026

SEPTEMBER 2 - Mmm... (Men's Monthly Meal) Join us for a hot meal and fellowship. The Men of Saint Paul's begin preparations at 4 pm, Dinner served 6-7 pm in the River Room. Donations welcome.

SEPTEMBER - Book Drive for Hornsby Support Young Readers at our partner neighborhood school, Hornsby Elementary. Give a new or gently read book (all ages picture book - 5th grade). Baskets are located in the Narthex and Tyler Hall. A list will be provided. Collecting books for the month of September.

SEPTEMBER 8 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) Estate Planning - Rachel Ray from Enoch Tarver Law Firm will walk us through the importance of estate planning. What all women need to know to prepare well and minimize confusion and conflict. This group will meet in Tyler Hall at 5:30pm.

SEPTEMBER 12 - Common Ground Fellowship: Pool Party Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. Join us for a Pool Party at Evan and Liz's. Contact the parish office for more information.



SEPTEMBER 13 - Veterans' Ice Cream Social Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social 2:30-3:30 pm at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home. All ages welcome.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Spiritual Explorations' This group meets at 4 pm on the second Sunday of every month to explore ways to know God and ourselves through the heart, more than the head.

SEPTEMBER 16 - Senior Lunch Lunch and a relaxing social gathering monthly for seniors, 12 Noon, Tyler Hall. Donations welcome.

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Packs to meet the greatest need of our immediate neighbors. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal.



SEPTEMBER 20 - Fall Reception following the Celtic Service An opportunity for hospitality & fellowship following the Celtic service.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Tuesday's Music Live 38th Anniversary season begins 12 Noon Concert: Borisevich Duo, Nikita Borisevich, Violin and Margarita Loukachkina, Piano. Free.

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SEPTEMBER 26 - Ironman Pasta Dinner Prepare and serve a pasta dinner for athletes. Prep work begins on Friday.

SEPTEMBER 27 - Ironman Hospitality Saint Paul's opens the doors to athletes, families, friends, and spectators from

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all over the world beginning at 5 am race morning. A perfect event for cheerful early birds, and for everyone else, we're there throughout the morning.

SEPTEMBER 27 - Ironman Cheer Station Gather on the Riverwalk Terrace for a tailgate party following the 11 am service to cheer on the athletes in the last leg of the race. It's a fun event that gives us the opportunity to love our neighbors by demonstrating hospitality, support, and encouragement.

October 2026

OCTOBER - Parents' Afternoon Out An afternoon for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy Pumpkin Painting, a lesson, and park play. Snacks provided. Date TBA.

OCTOBER - Personal Hygiene Drive for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are gathering personal hygiene items for the children at Hornsby Elementary School. A list will be provided. Continues all month.



OCTOBER 4 - Blessing of the Animals Bring your best friend for a celebration and blessing, 4 pm in the Churchyard. The Saint Paul's Blessing of the Pets is co-sponsored by the Augusta Humane Society. Please consider a donation of one of the following items to the Augusta Humane Society: paper towels, bleach, Dawn detergent, 13-gallon garbage bags, or cash.

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OCTOBER 5 - "Share the Love" Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are delivering treats to the teachers and staff of Hornsby Elementary School on Professional Development Days.

OCTOBER 6 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: Anita Graef, Cello, Nathan Canfield, Piano. Free.

OCTOBER 7 - Mmm... (Men's Monthly Meal) Join us for a hot meal and fellowship. The Men of Saint Paul's begin preparations at 4 pm, Dinner served 6-7 pm in the River Room. Donations welcome.

OCTOBER 10 - Quiet Morning The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Bring "prayer tools" such as your bible, journal, or anything used for meditation. Led by clergy. A lunch follows and allows time for sharing reflections.

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OCTOBER 13 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) An opportunity for all women to connect through prayer, fellowship, and education. In October, our gathering will focus on Breast Cancer Awareness, a topic close to our hearts in this season at Saint Paul's.

Join us in Tyler Hall 5:30-7 pm for heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

OCTOBER 14 - Common Ground Fellowship: Compline This group for adults in their 20's to 40's will meet will meet in the chapel for 20 minutes of silent prayer together, followed by Compline. Afterwards, we'll enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

OCTOBER 17 - Miracle Mile Walk - W.E.EM Team! Walk with us in our pastoral response to Breast Cancer and in support of our outreach efforts for this annual walk.

OCTOBER 18 - Serve at Snack Pack Outreach Help us pack 200 Snack Packs to meet the greatest need of our immediate neighbors. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal.



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OCTOBER 25 - Guided Labyrinth Walk We invite you to a Guided Labyrinth Walk in the Berlin room at 4 pm. The labyrinth is a single path that has been used as a walking meditation and path for prayer since ancient times. No experience walking a labyrinth is required. There will be a brief introduction to walking a labyrinth and a time for reflection prior to the walk. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.

OCTOBER 30 - Hornsby Trunk or Treat Trunk or Treats give kids a safe, fun way to celebrate Halloween—especially in neighborhoods where trick or treating door to door may be difficult. Join us at our partner school Hornsby Elementary.

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November 2026

NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints' and All Souls' Sunday On All Saints' and All Souls' Sunday, we remember all the saints, and also those in our parish family and in our families who have died in the past year.

NOVEMBER 1 - Baptism offered We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 1 on the Feast of All Saints. All who wish to be baptized are invited to contact Fr. Eric.

NOVEMBER 3 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert. Bloom Funkhauser Duo, A Miles Davis Celebration. Free.

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NOVEMBER 8 - Evensong & Reception following Evensong, a service of sung evening prayer, finds its roots in the Medieval English church and has become one of the most beloved liturgies of the Episcopal Church. At Saint Paul's, the choir sings this beautiful service twice a year at 5:30 pm in place of the usual Celtic Service. It is celebrated with the singing of glorious canticles, psalms, songs of praise, and petitions for renewal by the Holy Spirit. A reception follows in the River Room.

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NOVEMBER 10 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) An opportunity for all women to connect through prayer, fellowship, and education. In November, our gathering will focus on Gratitude and Mental Health. Join us in Tyler Hall 5:30-7 pm for heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

NOVEMBER 11 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. Join us for a Faith discussion and Friendsgiving. Bring a dish to share.

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NOVEMBER 15 - Angel Tree Kick-off Our Angel Tree program fills the clothing closet for students at our neighborhood school, Hornsby Elementary. Angels are available on the front portico after the 11 am service for 3 Sundays.

NOVEMBER 17 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: Savannah River Brass. Free.

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NOVEMBER 21 - Quiet Morning The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Bring "prayer tools" such as your bible, journal, or anything used for meditation. Led by clergy. A lunch follows and allows time for sharing reflections.

NOVEMBER 22 - Newcomers' Party What better way to get to know your fellow worshipers than by sharing food and drink? Join us at 12:30 pm for an opportunity to do just that. Heavy appetizers and lively conversation.

NOVEMBER 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Service Bring your family and friends to the Community Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, Wednesday evening at 7 pm. The service includes joyous music, featuring The Saint Paul's Choir, and lessons and prayers of thanks and

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praise. The Thanksgiving Eve offering will be given to the DCCM (Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries) Food Bank.

NOVEMBER 29 - Make an Advent Wreath for your home Join us in Tyler Hall, the first Sunday, of Advent, 9-10:50 am to make an Advent Wreath for your home. All supplies will be provided, including wreaths, live greens, and candles. \$25 donation.

December 2026

DECEMBER - Caroling and Cocoa Meet at Saint Paul's for an intergenerational event sure to bring lots of holiday cheer. We will begin at Saint Paul's for a quick pizza dinner and instructions, and then we will carpool to caroling locations. Wear your festive holiday apparel and bring your jingle bell! TBA

DECEMBER - Parents' Afternoon Out An afternoon for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy Ornament Making, Pageant Prep, and park play. Snacks provided. Date TBA.

DECEMBER 1 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: The Davidson Chorale. Free.

DECEMBER 2 - Common Ground Fellowship: Compline This group for adults in their 20's to 40's will meet in the chapel for 20 minutes of silent prayer together, followed by Compline. Afterwards, we'll enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant and a drive to view Christmas lights.

DECEMBER 3 - Mmm... (Men's Monthly Meal) Join us for a hot meal and fellowship. The Men of Saint Paul's begin preparations at 4 pm, Dinner served 6-7 pm in the River Room. Donations welcome.



DECEMBER 6 - St. Nicholas Celebration In the spirit of St. Nicholas, the children are invited to leave their shoes in the Narthex prior to the 11 AM service in hopes of finding treats in them after the service.

DECEMBER 6 - "In Preparation" - Guided Labyrinth Walk You are invited on the Second Sunday of Advent at 4 PM, to a very special labyrinth walk as we wait and walk in anticipation of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. There will be a brief introduction to walking a labyrinth and a time for reflection prior to the walk. No experience walking a labyrinth is required. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.

DECEMBER 8 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) An opportunity for all women to connect through prayer, fellowship, and education. Join us for an Advent Party and White Elephant gift exchange in Tyler Hall 5:30-7 PM. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks served.

DECEMBER 12 - Augusta Choral Society Concert at Saint Paul's 7:30 PM concert. Tickets available at augustacs.org.

DECEMBER 13 - Veterans' Ice Cream Social Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social 2:30-3:30 PM at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home. All ages welcome.

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DECEMBER 20 - Children's Advent/ Christmas Pageant The children's program will be part of the service on the 4th Sunday of Advent. The program will last between 5-10 minutes. Every child is encouraged to participate in this special event and there is a part for everyone. A reception follows the service in Tyler Hall with a hot chocolate bar and finger foods.

DECEMBER 20 - The Longest Night 5:30 PM service. This Eucharist makes space for all of the ways that this time of year is also hard. It is a Christmas liturgy of hope for those of us also living with loss, regret, disappointment,

and pain. All are welcome. On this one Sunday, the Longest Night replaces our regular Celtic Service.

DECEMBER 23 - Greening of the Church & Chapel Join the Flower Guild as they decorate the church for Christmas.

DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve Services Festival Services at 4:00 PM & 10 PM. The 10 PM service will be carried live on WGAC radio. The Nursery will be available for the 4 PM service.



DECEMBER 25 - Christmas morning service Christmas Morning Eucharist and all your favorite carols. 10 AM in the Chapel.

DECEMBER 27 - Christmas Lessons and Carols Join us along with your families and out-of-town guests in this beautiful celebration during Christmastide. The Canterbury and Saint Paul's choirs will join readers from the congregation to observe this beloved liturgy of our Anglican heritage. Eucharist will not be celebrated at this service, but will be celebrated at the 8 AM service and again at the 5:30 PM Celtic Evening Prayer & Communion service.

January 2027

JANUARY - AGO Hymn Sing The Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to lift your heart in song at a Community Hymn Festival hosted by Saint Paul's.

JANUARY - MLK Jr. Day Parade The Augusta Convocation of Episcopal Churches are marching in the MLK Jr. Day Parade. Details to come.

JANUARY - Coat and Hat Drive for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are gathering coats, hats, gloves for the children at Hornsby Elementary School. Continues all month.

JANUARY 3 - Winter Reception following the Celtic Service An opportunity for hospitality & fellowship following the Celtic service.

JANUARY 7 - "Share the Love" Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day for Hornsby as part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are delivering treats to the teachers and staff of Hornsby Elementary School on Professional Development Days.

JANUARY 10 - Baptism offered We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 11 on the Feast of The Baptism of our Lord. All who wish to be baptized are invited to contact Fr. Eric.

JANUARY 10 - Spiritual Explorations' This group meets at 4 PM on the second Sunday of every month to explore ways to know God and ourselves through the heart, more than the head.

JANUARY 12 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) End of Life Planning: What it means to explore meaningful conversations about life, death, and what matters most. The talk will

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include Advance Directives and Caregiving.

JANUARY 12 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: Martin David Jones and Clara Park, Duo Pianists. Free.

JANUARY 13 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. Join us for Faith discussion.

JANUARY 15 - Annual Reports Deadline Annual Reports from all committees are due no later than Friday January 15.

JANUARY 17 - Serve at Snack Pack Outreach Help us pack 200 Snack Packs to meet the greatest need of our immediate neighbors. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal.



JANUARY 20 - Senior Lunch Lunch and a relaxing social gathering monthly for seniors, 12 Noon, Tyler Hall. Donations welcome.

JANUARY 26 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: The Ben Rosenblum Trio. Free.

JANUARY 27 - Common Ground Fellowship: Social Night Saint Paul's Common Ground Fellowship group of 20's - 40's will gather to plan our

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upcoming meetings followed by a time of fellowship and connection.

JANUARY 28 - Caring Prayer
Caring Prayer is a group for anyone who might be helped by love and prayer. We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support.

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JANUARY 31- Annual Parish Meeting
Details to be announced.

February 2027

FEBRUARY - The Feast of Absalom Jones The Augusta Convocation of Episcopal Churches will offer a service on the Feast Day of Absalom Jones, the first African American ordained as priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States. Date TBA.

FEBRUARY 2 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) Sol Himalayan Salt Cave Excursion for W.E.E.M. Galentines! Salt therapy is a natural therapy that supports healthy overall well-being.

FEBRUARY 7- Candlemas
Service at 11 am.

FEBRUARY 9 - Tuesday's Music Live
12 Noon Concert: Thomas Pandolfi, Pianist. Free.

FEBRUARY 9 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Come to this "Fat Tuesday" celebration in the River room for a pancake dinner and fun.



FEBRUARY 9- Burning of the Palms
You're invited to bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday to the church to be transformed into the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please drop them off in the Narthex on Sunday or in the parish office before Tuesday's Pancake Dinner.

FEBRUARY 10- Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Services will be offered at 12 Noon and 7 pm.

FEBRUARY 14- Spiritual Explorations'
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FEBRUARY 17 - Senior Lunch
Lunch and a relaxing social gathering monthly for seniors, 12 Noon, Tyler Hall. Donations welcome.

FEBRUARY 17 - Lenten Soup & Study Begins Join us for a simple supper and book study.

FEBRUARY 21- Saint Paul's 101
New(ish) to Saint Paul's? Looking to connect? Join us 12:30 pm in Tyler Hall to connect with Saint Paul's parishioners, clergy, staff, and lay leaders. These quarterly events are a great chance to familiarize yourself not just with the people but the facilities and ministry opportunities that make this church come to life. Light snacks will be provided.

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FEBRUARY 23- Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: Duo Formosa, Catherine Lan, Piano & Huifang Chen, Violin. Free.

FEBRUARY 24 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered.

FEBRUARY 25- Caring Prayer
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together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support.

FEBRUARY 28 - Confirmation Classes Begin. For more details see Adult and Youth Formation sections.

FEBRUARY 28 - Guided Labyrinth Walk We invite you to a Lenten reflection and a Guided Labyrinth Walk on the Second Sunday of Lent at 4 pm. The labyrinth is a single path that has been used as a walking meditation and path for prayer since ancient times. No experience walking a labyrinth is required. There will be a brief introduction to walking a labyrinth and a time for reflection prior to the walk. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.



FEBRUARY 28 - Winter Family Dance
Saint Paul's youth are proud to present this special event for children 3k-5th grade to attend with a loved one. Enjoy music, dancing, refreshments, photo booth and priceless memories. We invite all children across the CSRA to participate.

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MARCH - Parents' Afternoon Out
An afternoon for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy putt-putt. Date TBA.

MARCH 6- Quiet Morning The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Bring "prayer tools" such as your bible, journal, or anything used for meditation. Led by clergy.

MARCH 7- Rose Sunday Concert & Reception following The Fourth Sunday in Lent is sometimes referred to as Refreshment Sunday or Rose Sunday. It is a moment in liturgical time when people are invited to ease their Lenten discipline for a day. At Saint Paul's, by tradition, Keith Shafer hosts a Sunday afternoon concert performing either solo or with guest musicians at 4 pm. A dessert reception follows in Tyler Hall.

MARCH 9- Tuesday's Music Live
12 Noon Concert: Svyati Duo, Julian Collings, Organ and Rebecca Hepplewhite, Cello. Free.

MARCH 9- W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) Making Good Food Choices: Cooking, recipes, meal planning with expert nutritionists from Augusta University.

MARCH 10 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered.

MARCH 14- Veterans' Ice Cream Social Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social 2:30-3:30 pm at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home. All ages welcome.

MARCH 14 - Spiritual Explorations'
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MARCH 14- Support the Women Spring Drive The Daughters of the

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King coordinate collection of women's and girls' personal apparel and care items to support local shelters. A list is provided.

MARCH 17 - Senior Lunch
Lunch and a relaxing social gathering monthly for seniors, 12 Noon, Tyler Hall. Donations welcome.

MARCH 19 - Friends & Family Fish Fry Join us for a Friday Night Fish Fry. The fun starts at noon with a prep team, the cooking team begins at 4 pm, and dinner of fish, fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw from 6-7 pm. Bring your own beverage; tea and water available. Donations welcome.



MARCH 21 - Making Palm Crosses
Help us make Palm Crosses for the parish. Drop in Sunday morning, 9-10:50 am in Tyler Hall. As has been a long tradition at Saint Paul's, we will create palm crosses from palm fronds to be worn on Palm Sunday. All materials and friendly instructors will be provided.

MARCH 21 - Serve at Snack Pack Outreach Help us pack 200 Snack Packs to meet the greatest need of our immediate neighbors. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal.

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MARCH 21 - Children's Palm Procession A joyful and triumphant palm procession around the churchyard.

MARCH 21 - Palm Sunday
Services at 8 am, 11 am, and 5:30 pm



MARCH 23 - Tuesday's Music Live 12 Noon Concert: Wayne Hoey Jazz. Free.

MARCH 22 - 24 - Holy Week noon Eucharist in the Chapel Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

MARCH 25 - Children's Service of foot washing and Communion on Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Peter & St. Paul, remembering Jesus' new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." A light dinner following for families in the Tyler Hall.

MARCH 25 - Maundy Thursday Service Service at 7 pm.

MARCH 26 - Good Friday Services will be offered at 12 Noon and 7 pm.

MARCH 26 - Children's Stations of the Cross A special Stations of the Cross for children with prayers and lots of opportunity for wondering. Service at 2 pm.

MARCH 26 - Stations of the Cross Service at 3 pm.

MARCH 27 - The Great Vigil of Easter with Reception following
The Great Vigil is the culmination of Holy Week and begins in darkness.

We light the new fire outside and carry it by candlelight into the church, sharing it with neighbors to hear the stories of God's relentless love. Then as we welcome Easter with the first celebration of the Resurrection, we celebrate baptism and renew our own baptismal vows. This unique service is the height of the church's year of grace. Service begins at 7:30 pm. A festive reception following in the church yard.

MARCH 28 - Easter Day Celebrations of the Resurrection 11:00 am with the parish's three choirs and Easter Brass; 5:30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer Celebration of the Resurrection

MARCH 28 - Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn at 10 am. Meet on the front steps of the church for the annual picture prior to the hunt.

MARCH 29 - Easter Monday Parish Meeting Our Charter and Bylaws call for an Annual Parish Meeting on Easter Monday. You are invited to our Annual Meeting of the 277th year of Saint Paul's Church, at 12 noon, on the Front Portico. The Churchwardens, Members of the Vestry, and Officers of the Parish will be installed.

April 2027

APRIL - GA Milestone Testing Snacks for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we are delivering snacks for all students during testing days at Hornsby Elementary. Date TBA.

APRIL - The Monty Osteen Planned Giving Seminar: Planting Seeds for a Living Mission An important presentation to help us understand how we can make the most of our charitable giving. Date TBA.

APRIL 10 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) Farr More & Associates and

W.E.E.M. presents: #SheGotGame. A celebration of women's mastery, success, and empowerment.



APRIL 13 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) An opportunity for all women to connect through prayer, fellowship, and education. Join us for a field trip with the Augusta Canal Boat Tour.

APRIL 14 - Common Ground Fellowship Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered.

APRIL 18 - Newcomers' Party
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APRIL 25 - Confirmation and Baptism
The Annual Episcopal Visitation is Sunday, April 25. Bishop Logue will preside at the Holy Eucharist with the rite of Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows for all members.

APRIL 28 - Common Ground Fellowship This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered.

May 2027

MAY - Day at the Movies (Parents' Afternoon Out) An afternoon for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy a day at the movies. Date TBA.

MAY 2 - Primetime Semi-annual party for 55+ to gather and fellowship.

MAY 9 - Senior Sunday and Reception
A special day honoring our high school seniors and celebrating their gifts in the liturgy at 11 am. Graduating seniors offer the sermon, read lessons, and lead prayers. The Daughters of the King host a reception following the service and introduce their ministry to college students.

MAY 11 - W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) An opportunity for all women to connect through prayer, fellowship, and education. Join us for our year-end Paint and Pray in Tyler Hall 5:30-7 pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks served and all supplies provided.

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MAY 16 - Baptism offered We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 16, the Day of Pentecost. All who wish to be baptized are invited to contact Fr. Eric.

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MAY 16 - Parish Potluck in the River Room Parish Potluck for Pentecost Sunday following the 11 am service. Wear red and bring a dish to share. We'll spill out onto the terrace with music and games.

MAY 19 - Senior Lunch Lunch and a relaxing social gathering monthly for seniors, 12 Noon, Tyler Hall. Donations welcome.



MAY 23 - Eat, Pray, Swim Saint Paul's Parish at the Lake. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship for all ages. Details forthcoming.

MAY 26 - Common Ground Fellowship: Compline and Dinner We will meet in the chapel for 20 minutes of silent prayer together, followed by Compline. Afterwards, we'll enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

MAY 27 - Caring Prayer Caring Prayer is a group for anyone who might be helped by love and prayer. We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support.

MAY 28 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day for Hornsby As part of our support for our partner neighborhood school, we deliver surprises for the teachers and staff of Hornsby Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Week.

June 2027

JUNE - Summer Mission trip to Ecuador

Saint Paul's 2027 mission team is making plans to return to Quito Ecuador with their Education Equals Hope partners and Cristo Liberador Episcopal Church. Date TBA.

JUNE - Juneteenth Eucharist & Dinner

The Augusta Convocation of Episcopal Churches will offer a service of Celebration and a Community Meal near Juneteenth.

JUNE 9 - Common Ground Fellowship: Faith Discussion

Twice-monthly gatherings. This group is for adults in their 20's to 40's to come together for fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered.



JUNE 13 - Veterans' Ice Cream Social

Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social 2:30-3:30 pm at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home. All ages welcome.

JUNE 20 - Serve at Snack Pack Outreach

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JUNE 23 - Common Ground Fellowship

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JUNE 26 - The Episcopal Church at

Augusta Pride In late June, Saint Paul's will once again be at the Pride festival to spread the word that God's love is for all, and all are welcome to join this community of Jesus-followers.

July 2027

JULY 4 - Independence Day Service

Invite someone to join you at Saint Paul's for Independence Day service at 11:00 am. Our scripture readings, prayers, and music will help us give thanks for the blessings of liberty with which we have been entrusted

JULY 4 - Independence Day BBQ

Following our Independence Day service, we will gather in the River Room for a BBQ Parish Dinner. Come share your BBQ pork, chicken, or beef specialty. If the smoker or grill is not your passion, bring your favorite side dish to share.

JULY 18 - Serve at Snack Pack

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JULY 22 - Caring Prayer

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WORSHIP MINISTRIES



ACOLYTE GUILD

The Acolytes are a group of children and youth beginning at age nine, who help guide the service in the processions and assist the clergy at the altar. Training is held throughout the year.

Contact: Meg and Donald Horton



ALTAR GUILD

This “behind-the-scenes” ministry is performed by teams who scrub, polish, organize elements, vessels, linens and paraments each Saturday morning for Sunday and occasional services. Training is available – newcomers are always welcome!

Contact: Catherine Stuckey

CHOIR AND MUSICIANS

Our choir and guest instrumentalists serve to inspire the congregation to worship God in song and to enhance our experience of God’s presence. Children K- 2 grades sing in the St. Nicholas Choir, grades 3-9 sing in the Canterbury Choir, and adults and older youth sing in the Saint Paul’s Choir. Auditions are not required to join the choir. You don’t have to be a soloist or even a member of Saint Paul’s. If you can sing and blend with others, contact Keith Shafer.

Contact: Keith Shafer,
kshafer@saintpauls.org

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are laypersons authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements (the bread and the wine) at a Celebration of Holy Eucharistic. Confirmed communicants in good standing may be licensed by the diocese to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Training is offered.

Contact: Robin Merriman

FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild serves in teams. Each team selects and arranges the flowers for the altar about once a month. No experience needed. Training is available.

Contact: Laurie Montgomery or Barbara Register

LECTORS

Lectors are members of the congregation who participate in the reading of the lessons and leading the Prayers of the People at the Sunday morning services and at other special services.

Contact: Robin Merriman

LINEN GUILD

The Linen Guild works with the Altar Guild caring for the linens used during worship services. Members wash and iron the linens. All work is done at home and then returned to the church. If you love working with beautiful linens, the Linen Committee needs you! Each member serves for one month, about four times a year and training is offered.

Contact: Tricia Nixon

NEEDLEPOINT GUILD

Last year we began a needlepoint project to replace the altar rail cushions. This project is nearly complete. If you are interested in working with this group on our next project, **Contact Laurie Montgomery.**

USHERS

Ushers greet and extend a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors, hand out bulletins, and seat people, as needed. They count the number of people present, take up the offering, assist people at the steps during communion, and in general, watch



over the nave during the service. Ushers are present at all regular church services and special services, including funerals. Ushers work in teams and commit to one Sunday a month and volunteer to assist with special services, as needed. This ministry is open to all men, women and youth.

Contact: Cindy Shafer

VERGERS

At Saint Paul’s, Vergers have both ceremonial and “behind-the-scenes” functions. It is the duty of the verger

to check all things related to a service to be sure that everything is in place, the right people are on duty, and that the service is ready to begin on time. The verger leads all of the “moving parts” of the service, and ensures that the acolytes and Eucharistic ministers fulfill their duties. Vergers serve with the consent and approval of the Rector. **Contact: Robin Merriman**

PARISH MINISTRIES



GARDENERS

The Baird Rose Garden, the Colonial Chapel Garden, and the herbaceous borders around the church and chapel are tended by a devoted and talented group of parishioners who come almost every Thursday morning throughout the year. They remove weeds in the gardens, dead-head the spent flowers, and plant new perennials in the gardens.

Contact: Keith Shafer

GREETERS

Sunday morning Greeters welcome newcomers and visitors to Saint Paul’s at the 11 am service. The greeters staff an information table, provide directions, and invite visitors to additional events at Saint Paul’s.

They also attend the Newcomer Parties.

Contact: Jackie Pingel & Dianne L’Heureux

HOSPITALITY & PARISH LIFE

The Hospitality and Parish Life Committee is a committee of welcome. Members seek ways to build connection with newcomers, visitors, and members to deepen and strengthen relationships within the Body of Christ at Saint Paul’s. The Committee organizes receptions, dinners, and parties. Events are listed in the calendar section of this publication and in the Weekly Postings. **Contact: Eric Friedman, Summer Bell or Katherine Ferrara**

INVITE - WELCOME - CONNECT

Saint Paul’s Invite - Welcome - Connect ministry, is an Episcopal Church initiative focused on hospitality, evangelism, and community. Join us for upcoming opportunities to connect and serve, including Prayer Pals, Greeter Orientation, Saint Paul’s 101, and our Newcomers Event. **Contact: Jackie Pingel & Dianne L’Heureux**

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee coordinates Saint Paul’s outreach ministries to respond to human need in our community, the diocese, and the world. Outreach events are listed in the calendar of this publication

PARISH MINISTRIES



and in the Weekly Postings. Serving at an outreach ministry is one of the best ways to build community inside and outside Saint Paul's.

A number of our outreach ministries are evolving to meet the changing needs of our neighbors and the world. Our Outreach Committee continues to foster robust conversations about this faithful evolution. Join the conversation and the work.

Contact: Marilyn Grau

OUTREACH MINISTRIES TO HORNSBY SCHOOLS

We are continuing to expand our ministry at Hornsby Elementary this year, serving as a sort of PTO for the school to provide support to teachers and staff as well as supporting the children at the schools. There will be

events throughout the school year and many opportunities to engage and support the kids, teachers, and staff. **Contact: Barbara Coleman**

SCHOOL DRIVES

We collect school supplies and books at the beginning of the year, personal hygiene items in the fall, and coats and clothing in the winter.

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS

We would like to do special things for teachers/staff on holidays, teacher work days, or at the beginning and end of school. This might include special surprises to put in their box at school and refreshments in the teachers lounge. Parishioners could volunteer by baking or purchasing

treats or volunteering to gather and package treat bags. (see calendar for dates)



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER MINISTRIES



CARING PRAYER

We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support. The group is appropriate for caregivers, and for anyone who is mourning, lives with chronic illness, has lost their job, or faces any kind of challenge that might be helped by love and prayer.

Contact: Ann Pendarvis

COMPLINE

Compline Online, Wednesdays 8 pm

Compline is a beautiful, simple, and quiet service to end the day together in prayer with God. This service is led by members of the parish using an on-screen bulletin so everyone may pray together. Following the prayers, those who gather through Zoom have an opportunity for a mid-week visit.

Contact: Kitty Gordon

CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRIES Guided Labyrinth Walks

See Calendar for event dates

Solvitaur ambulando, latin for "it is solved by walking," -attributed by Saint Augustine.

Join us for our guided walks this year

to search out the many benefits of walking a labyrinth.

Quiet Mornings

See Calendar for event dates

The Daughters of the King offer spiritual morning of quiet solitude 9:30 am - 1:30 pm three times per year. Led by clergy.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King is an international prayer and service order in the Episcopal Church, and The St. Ruth Byllesby Chapter is part of the ministries of Saint Paul's Church. At Saint Paul's the Daughters of the King offer:

Confidential Prayer Ministry: (submit your prayer request using the card found in the pews).

Women of the Bible: 3 sessions. Epiphany. See calendar for event dates.

College Student Ministry: Praying for students daily and sending them special treats throughout the year.

Quiet Mornings and Guided Labyrinth Walk: Sponsored by Daughters of the King.

Support the Women Spring Drive:

Sponsored bra and feminine hygiene products drive in the spring.

Discernment Class: Classes begin in May & induction is in October

Contact: Kathleen Fickling

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors are lay persons who receive specific training and are licensed to take Consecrated Elements from the Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to be present at the Eucharistic Celebration.

Contact: Ellen Nesbitt

FLOWER DELIVERIES



Altar arrangements are deconstructed and new vase arrangements are made and then delivered to parishioners on the prayer list, homebound, or other for special occasions.

Contact: Barbara Register

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

This ministry serves pastoral care needs through handwritten notes, phone calls, visitations, offerings of other assistance as needed, and assurance of daily prayer for them.

Contact: Ellen Nesbitt



OUR MISSION

Historic Saint Paul's Church is a welcoming Episcopal congregation committed to living and sharing the Good News of God in Jesus Christ through liturgy, music, and outreach.

OUR VISION

We are continuing to grow and live as a community which recognizes and honors Christ in everyone and everything.

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You are welcome here.