

St. Paul's Memorial Church Cookbook

Food in Fellowship

We gather each season around food and drink that mark our liturgical year and time together. Recipes become the stories of our neighbors, our parish, our families, and our own lives. Just as any family lore or wisdom, they are written down or shared in their retelling. A recipe becomes retold each time it's cooked: a missing ingredient gets substituted for another, an extra pinch of salt is added to your neighbor's gravy recipe, a weeknight pasta is made in happy times or sad. I cannot make pie crust without thinking of the grandmother who taught me how to crimp the edges just so, and now my kids will never bake a crust with me without hearing about my grandmother's pies and the people who ate them.

When we cook for others, we share our stories with family, friends, and strangers. When we cook for ourselves, we can be grounded by them. For those who don't cook at all, we can still be happy to share in the stories of those around us. We can appreciate that each ingredient, every step of instruction, and every hand that's ever made and shared the recipe is cause for gratitude for a life filled with an abundance of ingredients, stories, and people to share them with.

Thank you for submitting some of your favorite recipes and traditions to the St. Paul's Memorial Church cookbook. In order to make their own retelling of these recipes, St. Paul's kids will illustrate this book as their fall service project and compile it into a collection that will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go towards a service ministry of their choosing. We welcome all of your recipes: family favorites, holiday traditions, potluck staples, everyday meals, beloved desserts, and anything else that has a story to tell. There is room on the form to note if you are submitting a recipe in memory of someone else, and to include an anecdote if you have one. To submit multiple recipes, simply fill out the form again for each separate recipe.

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