

St. Paul's

Episcopal Church

November 2026 Newsletter



**Remember to turn
your clocks back on
Sunday, November 1st!**

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:30 A.M. Rite II Holy Eucharist (9:30 A.M. is livestreamed to YouTube)

2nd & 5th Sundays Morning Prayer at 8 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JOY and FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Wednesdays, 12:00 PM (see page 8)

HONORING THEIR LIVES: A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER REMEMBERING OUR ENSLAVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Sunday, November 1 - 3:00 PM (see pages 3 & 4)

ADULT FORUM on ZOOM

Wednesdays starting November 4– 7:00PM (see page 5)

VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, November 10 - 7:00 PM

HOLIDAY FOR GIVING FOOD & TOY DRIVE

St. Paul's Christmas Giving Tree starts on 11/22 (see page 7)

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, November 17 by NOON

******SAVE THE DATES for these December events*****

Holiday Stroll – Friday, December 4 – 4:30 – 9:00 pm (see page 8)

Look for additional information in the Sunday bulletins during November.

Holiday For Giving Food & Toy Drive (see page 7)

Deadline for gifts is December 11 by NOON

With many on-site events taking place in the church building, just a gentle reminder to please be in touch with the parish office to advise and request dates and times for any activity or meeting that will be taking place at St. Paul's. It is important to make sure events are on the calendar to avoid any potential overlapping dates! Thank you in advance for your help with this important task!



All the Saints

We begin the month of November by celebrating all the saints. As we combine the feast of all souls on November second, we remember all the people who have lived before us. We celebrate their lives of faith and trust that helped them live through challenges. We give thanks for the blessings they received that have formed us and blessed us.

While we all have our favorite saints, and our favorite relatives who made us who we are, we also remember other saints who have been part of our story. On November 1, we will have a service of remembrance for our enslaved sisters and brothers who were part of our community before slavery was abolished. We remember veterans on November 12, even as we grieve the waste and loss of war. We celebrate thanksgiving at the end of the month. We remember pilgrims dependent on the generosity and wisdom of native peoples who showed them how to survive in north America. We give thanks for the bounty of the earth, and we know we have much to learn to preserve this bounty for future generations.

It is good for us to practice gratitude. It is good that we acknowledge that our blessings come from others. The gift is not diminished as we consider the cost paid by others for our good fortune. As we appreciate their gifts to us, we can imagine how we might return their generosity by giving of ourselves to others. Finally, we give thanks for the grace of God. “Grace” means gift. God has given us life and strength. God has also forgiven our sins and failings so that we can be restored to God and to our neighbors. Every good thing ultimately comes from our generous God. We are called to be grateful and to be people who offer what God has given so that others can be grateful as well.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Greg+



With Our Whole Heart

We are called to offer ourselves with our whole heart. This describes our devotion to God, who has given to us first. This also describes how we are called to use what God has given us. Our annual appeal asks for a gift of money. We are also called to think about how we use all that we have to do the work that God has given us to share.

A pledge form can be daunting. As we think about an annual amount we wish to give to the church, it can seem too much with all the financial pressures that worry us. The act of filling out a pledge is not so much about dollar amounts to fix a church budget. The pledge is a spiritual exercise in using our gifts.

A good place to start is to look at how much you are already giving, and to discern how much more you would like to give. Then, you can decide how best to offer your gift, whether weekly or monthly. A small, regular gift often leads to a larger amount. The important discipline is not the amount of money, but the growing of a regular practice of intentional giving. God already knows what we all have, so we are not impressing God. God desires that we become grateful and generous people. We offer a pledge to depend less on controlling our money, and more on trusting God to give us what we need. God cares about our hearts more than our wealth. Thank you for sharing your whole heart with us.

Honoring Their Lives: A Service of Evening Prayer Remembering Our Enslaved Brothers and Sisters

Join us on November 1 at 3:00 pm for a service to honor the lives of all those who were enslaved by members of this parish. Along with special readings and prayers, we will celebrate with music by our choir and St. Luke's Sacred Steel (a steel drum ensemble from St. Luke's New Haven). You will also see a banner made by the church school children and a new memorial plaque honoring the saints we are remembering. We are excited to share with our community the stories of these individuals and to celebrate their lives. A reception in Wilkinson Hall will follow the service.

Honoring Their Lives:

A Service of Evening Prayer

Remembering Our Enslaved Brothers and Sisters



November 1 at 3:00 pm

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featuring music by the St. Paul's choir
and St. Luke's Sacred Steel Band

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Vestry Update

At the October Vestry meeting, we reviewed all of the fall's exciting happenings around St. Paul's (so far!) and planned for what remains. We hope you all agree that Ingathering and the Ministry Fair were a success, as was Celebrate Wallingford and the always-wonderful Blessing of the Animals service. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to pull those off, and to all the many more who worked to make pies and then help host our annual Harvest Fair on 10/24.

The Vestry also spent time reviewing some important building repairs that should not be put off – things like continuing window repair around the sanctuary as well as foundation work and brick re-pointing, all to keep our building standing strong, and especially to keep water from doing additional (and more costly) damage. We are lucky, through the generous gifts of those who came before us and now continue to make and maintain donations, to have funds to take care of our beautiful building.

November kicks off with All Saints Day, where we typically sing a favorite hymn, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God", and we will be reminded that we can all aim to be Saints of God. That afternoon, St. Paul's will host an important service to remember and honor the formerly enslaved members of our church community. The St. Luke's Sacred Steel Drums will be joining us for the service, and we hope to have a strong showing from both our parish and larger community as we come together to remember those who came

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before us and also rededicate ourselves to doing good works in the time we have now. Please join us.

Kristin Liu, Senior Warden
Art Sousa, Junior Warden
On behalf of the Vestry

Adult Forum – Loving Our Neighbor

In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked which of the commandments is greatest, and his response is:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matt. 22:37-40)

This November and December the Adult Forum will focus on the second half of this, the Great Commandment. Through short biblical readings and weekly discussions, we will consider questions such as: What does it really mean to love our neighbor? Who is our neighbor? When is it a challenge to love our neighbor? What does Jesus show us about loving our neighbor? What do the law and the prophets say about this? And, perhaps most importantly, how can and do we demonstrate this love in our own lives?

The Forum meets via Zoom on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. This session will begin on November 4 and run through December 23. Feel free to try this out—join anytime! Reach out to Amy Foster with any questions (foster9092@gmail.com). The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046492740?pwd=eWlWZ0tuZGVZeJlM5Rng1ekZvV0hSZz0> and the passcode is 390706.

THE TECH TEAM

The Tech Team is seeking volunteers to expand its team. Please contact Zac Boulter at zac.boulter@gmail.com for more information.

Help Update the Directory!

Please use the link below to update your directory information.

Please contact Zac Boulter with any questions.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDmtXCIGVBGP4fX2y8WUJYhyO6_p6OCvR7WiFX3JC3-p1gQ/viewform?usp=dialog

Treasurer's Report

St. Paul's Church

Treasurer's Report
September 2026

	This month	Budget	Difference vs Budget	Last Year	Difference vs Last Year
<u>Income</u>					
Pledges	147,282	135,000	12,282	130,933	16,349
Other Donations	6,185	9,600	-3,415	9,828	-3,642
Other operating income	16,678	16,725	-47	16,564	114
Group contributions	1,201	900	301	900	301
Investment income	60,731	60,741	-10	60,498	233
Total Income	232,078	222,966	9,112	218,723	13,354
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Salaries	105,461	107,781	-2,320	102,248	3,213
Fringe Benefits	48,349	50,588	-2,239	47,095	1,254
Property Expenses	54,039	51,924	2,116	43,232	10,807
Utilities	15,582	13,450	2,132	13,142	2,440
Other Expenses	17,214	23,465	-6,251	17,513	-299
Common Mission Support to ECCT	25,074	25,074	0	25,074	0
Total Expenditures	265,719	272,282	-6,563	248,304	17,415
Surplus/Deficit	-33,641	-49,316	15,675	-29,580	-4,061

CHURCH SCHOOL

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has stepped up to teach church school and to those who have signed up for future Sundays! Our two classes: K–3 and 4th grade and up—are thriving, and it’s wonderful to see the children enjoying activities and conversations tailored to their ages. Thank you for helping our young members grow in faith and community!

Thank you also to everyone who has donated to our animal rescue drive! We have collected lots of treats to share with animals in need, and we are so grateful for your generosity.

Interested in teaching church school? We would love to have you join us! Please reach out with any questions. Every helping hand makes a difference!

Warmly,
Becky Scalesse



HOLIDAY FOR GIVING



HOLIDAY FOR GIVING 2026

The Holiday for Giving program in Wallingford supports local families facing financial hardship during the holiday season. St. Paul's will once again be partnering with Wallingford's townwide **"Holiday for Giving"** to help those in need in our community have a wonderful holiday.

St. Paul's Christmas Giving Tree will be up in the back of the church and decorated with "wishes" ornaments on Sunday November 22nd. This will give everyone wanting to make a donation the opportunity to take advantage of the sales over Thanksgiving weekend. We are asking for donations of new toys for children ages 2-12 and gift cards for Walmart and Target.

Please take a "wishes" ornament and bring back an unwrapped gift to place under the tree. We ask when you take a "wishes" ornament off the tree, you hang a shiny ornament on the tree so it will stay decorated throughout the Christmas season reminding us of the warmth and joy we brought to others this holiday season. **This year the deadline for delivering gifts is December 12th. Gifts may be placed under the Christmas tree through Sunday December 6th.** You may also leave gifts by the office and at the back entrance during the week. Unfortunately, **we will not be able to accept gifts after noon on December 11th.** The deadline for **food donations** for Master's Manna for Christmas baskets will be Sunday, **December 13th.**

Holiday STROLL

Holiday Stroll: SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, December 4th

The Holiday Stroll is Friday, December 4 from 4:30-9 PM and St. Paul's will be open. Cookies or other holiday treats are needed along with volunteers to welcome visitors into our church. A sign up sheet will be on the easel in the back of church. A carol sing is scheduled at 6:30 PM. Please contact Carole Ireland 203-988-7405 for additional information.



Joy And Fellowship Group

Our group will continue to share prayer at NOON in the Chapel on Wednesdays. We tend to be a friendly competition, teasing and

little rowdy, with laughter. God has truly blessed us with joy and closer relationships. Bring along a simple bag lunch and drink. We meet from 12 noon to 2PM. Contact Sharonturlis@yahoo.com to be added to our text chain for reminders and information.

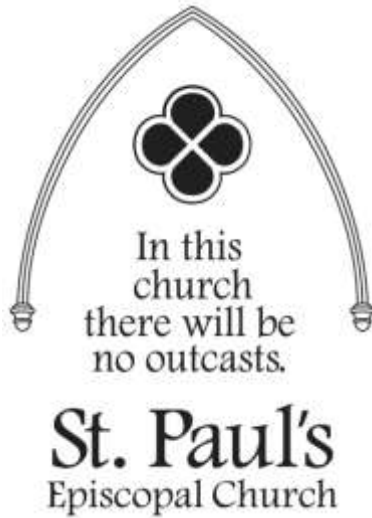


The Church will be open Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.

Contact information for Rev. Dr. Greg Welin

You may reach me in the office on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be best to make an appointment to see me if you can. My email is rector@stpaulswallingford.org. In the event of an emergency, you may call my cell phone at 203 206 4802. Please add my number to your contact list!

The Parish Office Hours The parish office is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM-2PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet during the week. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday.



The parish office can be reached at (203) 269-5050.

E-mail – office@stpaulswallingford.org

Fax – (203) 269-3813

Web Site – www.stpaulswallingford.org

If we are not in the office, please leave a message.

The Rev. Dr. Greg Welin, Rector

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VESTRY

Senior Warden, Kristin Liu
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Please advise us of

- change of address or telephone numbers
- illness, hospitalizations, deaths
- requests for baptisms, weddings, etc

Times for St. Paul's Sunday Service
Comcast Cable Channel 18
Frontier Channel 99
www.WPAA.TV - WPAA on the Internet
Sunday - 5:00 PM
Monday - 12:30 AM, 1:00 PM, and 11:00 PM

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We appreciate your faithful giving.

You may give online by scanning the QR code or by going to stpaulswallingford.org and clicking the "Donate Now" button, mail your gifts into the parish office or place your offering in the basket during Sunday worship.

It's all good! Thank you.



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