

St. Paul's

Episcopal Church

April 2026 Newsletter



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Holy Week & Easter Schedule on page 2**

APRIL 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 FELLOWSHIP AND JOY CLUB

Wednesdays, 12:00PM

VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, April 14 - 7:00 PM

ADULT FORUM

Starts April 15, Wednesdays on Zoom – 7:00 PM (see page 7)

ECCT SPRING TRAINING

Deadline to sign up for in person workshops is April 15 (See pages 5 & 9)

BRING YOUR PASTA TO CHURCH FOOD DRIVE DEADLINE

Sunday, April 19 (see pages 8 & 9)

TROOP 4 SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 26 – 5:00-7:00PM (see page 6)

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, April 21 by NOON

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!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S
April 2– April 5, 2026

Thursday, April 2 - 6:00 PM

- † **Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar**
- † **8:00 PM Maundy Thursday – 7:00 AM Good Friday: Night Watch Prayer Vigil.** A powerful invitation to “keep watch” with Jesus on the night he was betrayed. Sign up on easel at back of the church or call or email the parish office to reserve a time.

Friday, April 3rd – 7:00 PM

- † **Good Friday Liturgy with reading of the Passion**

Sunday, April 5th - 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

- † **Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**
With Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:30 AM service.



The Path of Holy Week

At the change of seasons, we begin to notice the extra sunlight. We see the first flowers at the edges of our gardens. Brown and grey give way to green. We begin to forget about the long cold winter and anticipate new chores outside and long walks in nature. We see life in a new way and we are grateful.

At the end of Lent, we begin a new season. We will rejoice in the resurrection and the surprising story of life despite our failures and our loss. We celebrate and mark this time with Holy Week. The story of Jesus in the gospels shows him entering Jerusalem with great enthusiasm and celebration. This is a high point, and it looks as though Jesus has won a following. Our liturgy of Palm Sunday gives us the opportunity to welcome Jesus in the same way. We move through the story quickly, and while our “hosannah’s” are still in our ears, we hear the story of Jesus’s betrayal, suffering and death. We are left waiting for an answer at the end of our worship.

This is the uncomfortable beginning of our journey. We will return to the story as we gather for Maundy Thursday. We will gather for a meal as we ponder the last supper of Jesus with his disciples. We will hear his great commandment “to love one another as I have loved you.” We will move to the sanctuary for a celebration of the eucharist, which mirrors the drama of that night. We will strip the altar and some of us will spend the night in a quiet prayer vigil, as Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane.

We will gather again on Good Friday to hear again the suffering (the passion) of Jesus, as he is arrested, tortured and killed. We gather to remember and pray. We remember all our betrayals and our selfishness that contributes to the suffering of our world. We will ask for forgiveness and a way to live despite our failures and sins.

We will continue our journey through Easter. Some of us will gather at the Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford for the Great

Vigil of Easter, where many people will be confirmed or received into the episcopal church. We celebrate Easter on Sunday morning with joy and gratitude – and perhaps a hunt for easter eggs. If you can only join us on Sunday, it will be wonderful to celebrate together. If you can walk the path of Jesus through the whole of holy week, you can enter the story in a deeper and more thoughtful way. However you participate, allow yourself to take your time with the journey. Let yourself notice the subtle changes – even the difficult ones. Let yourself feel the sadness as well as the joy. Let yourself feel regret as well as release. We will proclaim astounding true things. We are also invited to know how much they are a part of us. Jesus saves the world. Jesus also saves each one of us, wherever our path has led us.

Greg +



April Vestry Update

The Vestry met for an extended orientation session on Tuesday, March 10. Along with sharing a delicious meal together, we spent time studying the story of the Samaritan woman in John's Gospel to frame out our larger conversations of how we communicate and come together with both friends and strangers.

We then moved into a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, talking in small groups to assess the parish as we see it. We gave thanks for our friendly congregation and the blessing of our talented and long-serving staff, among other things. We wondered aloud, based on the potential weaknesses we saw, how we can best commit to moving forward with confidence, and what tools or systems we might need. You may have noticed the notes from our conversation hanging near the couches by the elevator. This is work we began,

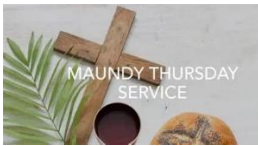
but we hope you will add your own thoughts, too. What do you consider to be a strength of St. Paul's? Where might we have weaknesses or see threats? How could those weaknesses either turn into opportunities for us this year and beyond?

We also studied the calendar for the year and continued to plan for important parish-wide initiatives like updating our directory and physical updates like refinishing floors in Wilkinson Hall or making better use of our classroom spaces.

We hope everyone will find a way to get involved around the church and perhaps also in a wider sense by attending the ECCT Spring Training sessions held at the end of April and culminating with a day of in-person workshops on May 2nd. See the announcement in the bulletin and reach out (awsunbliu@gmail.com) if you are interested!

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

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd



Maundy Thursday marks Jesus' final night with his disciples before his arrest, and it's a time to remember the Last Supper and the commandment to love one another. A

simple commemoration of the Lord's Supper will be held on Thursday, April 2nd, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Wilkinson Hall. The meal will consist of soup, salad, and bread. If you plan on attending the supper, please sign up on the sheet posted on the easel at the back of the church indicating the number of people attending and what you would like to bring. Following the supper, we will process into the church for the service. At the conclusion of the service, the solemn Stripping of the Altar will take place. The Night Watch will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please sign up on the easel to reserve your time to "keep watch" with Jesus on the night he was betrayed.

CHURCH SCHOOL



Happy April! 

Spring is finally here, and Easter is just around the corner! We're getting ready for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, happening on **April 5th**, right after the **9:30 a.m. service**. We are currently collecting *filled Easter eggs*, and there is a collection box outside the parish office labeled "**Easter Eggs.**" Any donations, big or small, are truly appreciated and will help make this a joyful day for our children and families. Thank you so much for your kindness and support!

If you're looking for a simple way to get involved, we'd also love your help with **church school**. Everything is ready for you—the lesson plan is prepared, materials are provided, and all it takes is **one hour of your time**. We would be so happy to welcome some new faces on our sign-up page!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EAF728ABF58-62570944-church>

Thank you for being such a wonderful and caring community—we couldn't do this without you!

Warmly,

Becky Scalesse

Director of Christian Education and Formation



**TROOP 4 BOY SCOUTS
FUNDRAISER :
SILENT AUCTION WITH A SIDE OF
PASTA**

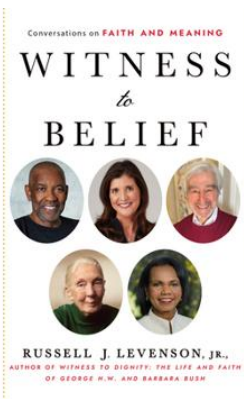
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Time: 5-7pm (Take-out Available)

Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilkinson Hall,
65 North Main St., Wallingford

Wallingford Emergency Shelter Update

On March 20 and 21 members of our parish again cooked dinners, donated desserts and snacks, and provided lunch food for the clients of the Wallingford Emergency Shelter. The effort was organized by Meredith Lindsay and Amy Foster, and we extend our gratitude to all who volunteered in various ways to help make this happen: Patti Cullen, Kit Hensler, Darlene James, Bill and Lynn Merrick, Claire Minneman, Tammy Napoli and her mother Karen, Wendy Oestreicher, Wanda Pizzonia, and Sunnie Scarpa. We also thank the Vestry for designating outreach funds to support this important ministry.



Adult Forum: *Witness to Belief*

Join us for the spring the Adult Forum to read and discuss the book *Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith and Meaning*, by Russell J. Levenson, Jr. In this book, Levenson—an Episcopal priest and author—interviews 12 different public figures about their personal faith. The interviews are with people from many areas of public life (entertainment, broadcasting, government and public

service, science) and include people such as Denzel Washington, Brit Hume, Condoleezza Rice, and Jane Goodall. According to the book's cover, "Each interview delves into the private, spiritual side of public figures and reveals that behind success and fame there is often a vibrant, personal faith in God that nourishes them."

This session will begin on Wednesday, April 15 (when we will discuss the first two chapters) and will run for 6 weeks. We meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Amy Foster (foster9092@gmail.com).

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046492740?pwd=eWlWZ0tuZGVZejM5Rng1ekZvV0hSZz0>

And here is the meeting passcode: 390706

Bring Your Pasta To Church Day



Sunday April 19th

9:00-12:00

**Drive-Thru
Drop Off**

St. Paul's
Episcopal Church
65 North Main Street
Wallingford CT 06492



Help fill the shelves



Pasta and sauce,
noodles and ramen noodles
mac and cheese
canned pasta meals

****see more information on next page

BRING YOUR PASTA TO CHURCH DAY

Although October is the National Pasta Month, St. Paul's will be celebrating six months early – in April. **We are proclaiming Sunday, April 19th St. Paul's "Bring Your Pasta to Church Day"** to help fill the shelves at Master's Manna with a much-needed item. We noticed that holding a food drive on Saturday is not always convenient. This Sunday drive will make it easier for our parishioners and for others in the Wallingford community to bring donations when they come to church on Sunday morning. Please help by donating all kinds of packaged pasta (and sauce – tomato or alfredo), noodles and ramen noodles, mac and cheese, and canned pasta meals. Boxes will also be in the back of the church, by the office, and at the back entrance during the month of April. Cash donations can be given to Sharon Rogalski or Art Sousa.



Come to Spring Training!

ECCT offers an annual spring gathering for priests and laypeople to come together both virtually and in person for informative workshops and meaningful fellowship.

See <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/> for more details! Anyone can register for the virtual workshops and join from the comfort of their own homes. If you are interested in joining the in-person day of workshops on May 2, please email Kristin Liu at awsumbliu@gmail.com so we can register as a group (pre-registration is required for the in-person gathering).

Deadline to email Kristin in order to attend May 2 in-person workshops: April 15.



Wallingford Workcamp

Looking for Homes to Repair

The goal of the Workcamp is to help those in need in the Wallingford area *

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying homeowners: Elderly, Disabled, Low-Income, or Veterans

- The week of **June 29-July 3, 2026**, youth groups with adult volunteers from across the country will perform hands-on, home repair projects
- The homeowner or an adult representative must be present during repairs

Eligible repair projects

- Exterior or Interior Painting
- Mobile Home Skirting
- Step Repair
- Wheelchair Ramp Repair/Construction
- Porch Repair/Construction
- Roofing (no tear-offs)



Apply here to get your home repaired!



Wallingford Workcamp is organized by the First Congregational Church of Wallingford together with Group Workcamps Home Repair

More Information on Facebook: Wallingford Workcamp 2026

*****See application & more information on next page**

Free Home Repair Application

Both labor and materials free to qualifying households

Applicant must own their own home and be present or have an adult representative present during repairs June 29 – July 3, 2026.

Do you own your home? yes no

Describe the work you would like done: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Questions: Lorraine Westervelt 203-257-6964

Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/4nwasnaw>

Or mail this application to

First Congregational Church

23 S. Main St. Wallingford, CT 06492

*Work area includes homes within 30-minute drive to Sheehan HS



Worship Leaders

Calling all readers, crucifers, ministers of communion! Sign-up sheets are available on the easel in the back of the church. You may also call the parish office and Jen Parsons will sign you up.

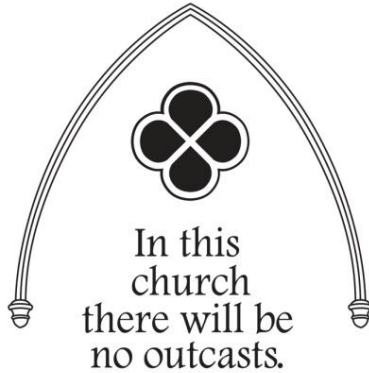


***The Church will be open Wednesdays from
10:00 am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.***

Contact information for the 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 will be 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.



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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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(203) 206 4802

VESTRY

Senior Warden, Kristin Liu

Junior Warden, Art Sousa

Treasurer, Ted Hartsoe

David Adams

Linda Krasko

Wendy Oestreicher

Sharon Turlis

Zac Boulter

David Desjardins

Karen Hlavac

Karen Rowe

Please advise us of

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

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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