

St. Paul's

Episcopal Church

Summer 2026
Newsletter



JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 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, 12:00 PM (see page 7)

ST. PAUL'S NURSERY SCHOOL ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

Kick off your summer with a sweet treat at Scoopy's Ice Cream Shop at 250 Main Street in Yalesville on June 10th from 3:30-7:30 and help us raise funds for our preschool. Mention St. Paul's Nursery School and 20% of the sales will be donated to our playground renovation project. We hope to see you there!

HONORARIUM APPLICATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, June 30 (see page 5)

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS

TUESDAY, August 18 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!

Sabbath Rest

Summer begins a shift in our schedules. We take their vacation in the summer. School is out, and the pace of life shifts.

Sometimes, with the pressure to fill free time with activity, we have a busy summer, and not a restful one. How often I have heard someone say, “I need a vacation from my vacation!”

Instead of treating the summer as just another version of our over-scheduled and over-busy lives, we can try to use this season as sabbath time. The original source of our sabbath is the seventh day of creation, when God rested. Within the whole of creation, God marked out a time of rest, for God and for us. Later, God would remind us of this when handing down the ten commandments. This is not just another rule to follow. The idea that we are created for rest is also part of our identity created by God. We are not made for constant labor and the accumulation of wealth. We are made to set down our tools and tend our souls. We are made to make space for wonder, to rejoice in the world around us, to appreciate the people God has given us. We are made to rest and rejoice.



As we all enjoy warmer weather and perhaps some travel, we can also let go of the need to accomplish or achieve a memorable vacation. We can

take naps, read books, walk along the beach or through a forest. We can gather with family and friends and enjoy conversation. We can respect the identity God has created in us, that we are worthy of love and care, and we can delight in the world God has given us.

Greg +

Independence Day

This summer, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In it, our founders declared our freedom from old ways of government and began the long process of imagining a new nation. Our aspiration has always been greater than our lived reality. Our definition of freedom, and of who gets to enjoy that freedom has been expanding to include more people. We continue to discover the implications of true freedom. This is a blessing for our nation: we are always seeking to welcome more people into this experiment of freedom.

This has implications for Christians as well. We have the freedom to practice our religion, with all the implications of protection through civil rights and our freedom from governmental oversight. We understand that our freedom in our faith comes with responsibilities. We know that freedom invites us into exercising our citizenship. More deeply, we have freedom to follow Jesus as disciples. Often, we get caught up in the limits of freedom, and we neglect the freedom to act in fulfilling our calling as disciples.

We may feel called to express our individual freedom to live as we are guided by God. In scripture, Jesus and the prophets remind us that our freedom is given so that we can work to free others. There is no true freedom while some of our neighbors are in bondage. There is no freedom without justice. As we celebrate 250 years of freedom, we celebrate best by continuing the work.

There are many difficulties in our nation at this present moment. We can embrace our freedom and use it to make a difference. While we are free to choose our path, we can always choose to use our freedom to act in a way that reaches for our aspirations. We can continue to welcome all our neighbors into a better and more complete freedom. Then we will have even more to celebrate.

Good Book Club



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

The Forward Movement has an ongoing resource that over different seasons reads through a portion of scripture. This summer, the section is the letters of Paul. The Good Book Club will read the letters of I Corinthians, II Corinthians, and Philippians through June, July and August. If you sign up at the Forward Movement, you will receive daily reading reminders. Schedules of reading will also be left in the church.



TriCircle

TriCircle is a local agency in Wallingford that offers many resources for addiction recovery. They have group and individual counseling for addiction recovery. They also offer many family resources as well as bereavement groups. There are many paths to recovery, and this group offers many resources for ongoing support. Check out their website here. – www.tricircle.org

Vestry Update for the Summer (June/July/August)

Summer is finally here, and even with recent days still occasionally feeling cool and blustery, I think we can safely say we've tipped the needle into warmer weather. In our May Vestry meeting, we reviewed our summer schedule, heard some exciting updates from the nursery school, shared our learning from Spring Training, and made tangible steps to move our directory process forward. The Vestry will meet in June, take July off, and gather again in August.

This the season for impromptu day trips, picnics, and using every chance we get to be outside and enjoy God's creation. Although summer is often a time to break routine in all kinds of ways, we

hope to see you even on sunny summer Sundays, and we'll continue to maintain a simple summer coffee hour for additional fellowship, too. Stay a while after service in the cool AC of Wilkinson Hall and make a plan to hike with a friend or share your latest ice cream rec. You might consider hosting a coffee hour or finding different ways to meet up with your favorite St. Paul's folks to get to know each other in new ways.

Many of us will be traveling in one way or another over the summer. If you find yourself in a different town, state, or country, keep your eyes peeled for the local churches, and see what they are up to in their communities and what ideas you might want to bring back to St. Paul's. Summer is a time for dreaming and planning, and we would love it if your dreams and plans involve bringing some fresh innovations or activities back home with you. How can we welcome the stranger the way you were, perhaps, welcomed when you were traveling? How can we make sure anyone living in or visiting Wallingford knows our doors are open to them? And how can we support one another to make this church community even stronger?

Whether near or far on any given Sunday, we hope you keep St. Paul's close to your heart and your mind.

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

Honorarium available for post-secondary education

All St. Paul's parishioners who are headed to college this fall or already enrolled are eligible for an honorarium to support their post-secondary education. Please complete the application [using this form](#) and return it to the church office by June 30th for consideration.



CHURCH SCHOOL

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all of you for the time, energy, and heart you have given to our church school this year. Your commitment to St. Paul's and to our children has made such a meaningful difference, and I am truly grateful.

I also want to share how much I appreciate the way you have welcomed me back to St. Paul's. Your kindness and support have helped me feel at home, and I am thankful to be part of such a dedicated and caring community.

As we look ahead to next year, we will need to divide the class into two groups. To make this possible, we will need additional teaching support. Over the summer, I ask that you please consider whether you might be able to commit to teaching for a few weeks during the year. Your willingness to help in this way would make a tremendous difference and allow us to continue providing a thoughtful and engaging experience for our children.

Thank you again for everything you do. I hope you have a restful and refreshing summer.

With gratitude,
Becky Scalesse

Director of Christian Education and Formation



Free books (for some summer reading!)

We have been sorting through the church library and have identified a number of books that we no longer plan to keep in the library. These books are on the table in the Common Room and are available to anyone who would like them! So, stop by any time through the end of June and take as many books as you would like. Any books not taken by parishioners will be donated. Enjoy!

Treasurer's Report

May 2026
St. Paul's Church

Treasurer's Report Month

	This month	Budget	Difference vs Budget	Last Year	Difference vs Last Year
<u>Income</u>					
Pledges	91,677	75,000	16,677	77,114	14,562
Other Donations	3,900	6,000	-2,100	5,798	-1,898
Other operating income	9,620	9,250	370	9,859	-239
Group contributions	701	500	201	500	201
Investment income	33,745	33,745	0	33,609	136
Total Income	139,643	124,495	15,148	126,880	12,763
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Salaries	61,031	62,139	-1,107	61,091	-60
Fringe Benefits	26,376	28,120	-1,744	26,316	61
Property Expenses	37,723	34,102	3,620	28,879	8,844
Utilities	10,601	7,600	3,001	8,455	2,146
Other Expenses	7,198	9,110	-1,912	7,235	-37
Common Mission Support	13,930	13,930	0	13,930	0
Total Expenditures	156,859	155,001	1,858	145,905	10,954
Surplus/Deficit	-17,217	-30,506	13,290	-19,025	1,808

Summertime Food Drives We will not be in the parking lot for our drive-thru food drives during the summer months of June, July and August. Master's Manna provides food to over 500 households each week, and we will continue to support them by our in-house collections. We are trying to secure a date this summer with Stop & Shop to hold a food drive at the store, and will keep you posted on our progress. As always, we thank you for your generous donations in helping to feed those in our community who suffer from food insecurity.

Joy And Fellowship Group Our group will continue to share prayer at NOON in the Chapel on Wednesdays during the summer. We tend to be a little rowdy, with friendly competition, teasing and 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.

Altar Flowers for Summer Sundays



A nice way to remember a loved one this summer is to place a bouquet of flowers on the altar. If you would like to order an arrangement, a \$45.00 donation is requested. Or if you have beautiful flowers in your garden that you would like to place on the altar, Karen Rowe would be happy to help

you with the arrangement. To reserve a Sunday, please submit the names of those to be remembered and the date of the Sunday on which you wish the flowers to be on the altar. Forms are on the tables at the side and front entrances. Checks for flowers ordered should be made payable to "St. Paul's Flower Fund" and submitted to the church office along with the form. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rogalski at srogal156@comcast.net or 203-678-4824.

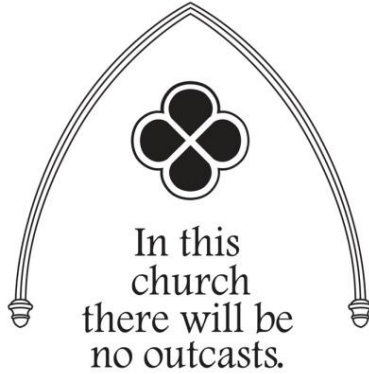


The Church will be open Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.

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 will be open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer from 11AM-1PM. 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 9:00-1:00 Tuesday-Friday.



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

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

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Senior Warden, Kristin Liu

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Zac Boulier

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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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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church
there will be
no outcasts.

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