



# SAINT PAUL'S FAMILIES

## Prayer Boards

I grew up watching the TV show *Cheers* and listening to its theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name." The song speaks to the value of community - of having a place where you know that you are accepted and loved - of having a place where you are known as an individual. I wonder if our children and youth could sing this song to describe St. Paul's? Do the parishioners know their names?

Last Thursday, at the over-70 birthday luncheon, I watched as parishioners stood before the prayer boards, learning the names of our youth and children. For many it was the first time they were able to connect a face with a name. My hope is that this relational work will continue as we roll the prayer boards out on Sunday mornings and community events. I believe as parishioners learn their names our youth and children will feel more and more connected to the special community of St. Paul's.

Currently we have sixty-six youth and children being prayed for each day. I have enclosed a list of the parishioners participating in the prayer board ministry and the youth or child for whom they are praying. If your child is not on the board, and you would like them to be included, please contact me. Thanks for your support of this important ministry - Colin+

## Parent's Christmas Party

**Friday, December 18th**  
**6:00 - 9:30 pm**

Celebrate the Christmas season at the home of Maria & Kerry Knox. Please bring a dish to share. Same night as Parent's Night Out.

**202 N. Academy Street**  
(Across from the street from St. Paul's)

## Parent's Night Out

**Friday, December 18th**  
**6:00 - 9:30 pm**

**THEME: Candyland**



(For children up to 10 years old)  
Sign up by Monday, December 14 at 4pm  
Email [nursery@stpaulsmboro.org](mailto:nursery@stpaulsmboro.org)

## Youth Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 13th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us in The Upper Room (youth room) for food, fellowship and fun. Come wearing your tackiest Christmas sweater, socks or hat. Bring a \$5 Dirty Santa gift and a dish to share. Be on the lookout for an Evite soon.



## Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 20th, 4:00 pm**



Our festival of nine lessons and carols is patterned after the traditional service from King's College, Cambridge. One of the most beautiful services of the year, it includes two carols from our choristers. This is a great service for the whole family. The nursery will be provided that evening. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

## Christmas Break Youth Movie Day

**December 30th, 12:00 - 5:00 pm**  
**In the Upper Room**  
**Bring \$5 for pizza and snacks**



## Youth Pottery Painting

**December 6th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Let's meet up at Newk's for dinner. Afterwards, we will walk over to The Pottery Place to paint two ornaments. **\$20 per person. Includes dinner and 2 ornaments.**



## Mark Your Calendars!

### DECEMBER

- 12.4 - Club 3-4-5 - Newk's and Pottery Place (6 - 8 pm)
- 12.6 - Christmas Pageant Practice (12:30 pm)
- 12.6 - Youth - Newk's and Pottery Place (5 - 7 pm)
- 12.13 - One Service (Annual Meeting at 9:30 am)  
No Children's Church or Youth/Parents Classes - Catechesis will be during the Annual Meeting
- 12.13 - Christmas Pageant Practice (12:30 pm)
- 12.13 - Youth Christmas Party (5 pm)
- 12.18 - PNO and Parents Christmas Party (6:30-9 pm)
- 12.19 - Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal (9 am)
- 12.20 - Christmas Pageant (8:30 am service)
- 12.20 - No Children's Church or Christian Education
- 12.20 - Lessons & Carols (4 pm)
- 12.24 - Christmas Eve Services (4:30 & 10:30 pm)
- 12.25 - Christmas Day Eucharist (10:30 am)
- 12.27 - No Christian Education
- 12.30 - Youth Movie Day (12 - 5 pm)

**No Children's Church on December 13 due to the Annual Meeting at 9:30.**

**No Children's Church on December 20 due to the Christmas Pageant.**



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

### **Rite 13 - 6th & 7th Grade** Classroom 2-2

- 12.6 Prayer: The Lord's Prayer
- 12.13 Annual Meeting - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.20 Christmas Pageant - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.27 Christmas Break - NO CHRISTIAN ED.

### **J2A - 8th & 9th Grade** Library

- 12.6 My Purpose Statement
- 12.13 Annual Meeting - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.20 Christmas Pageant - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.27 Christmas Break - NO CHRISTIAN ED.

### **YAC - 10th, 11th & 12th Grade** The Upper Room, 2nd Floor-St. Margaret's

- 12.6 My Purpose Statement (IN LIBRARY)
- 12.13 Annual Meeting - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.20 Christmas Pageant - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.27 Christmas Break - NO CHRISTIAN ED.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sundays at 9:45 am

### The Season of Advent

The Word Advent means "coming." It prepares to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem at the first Christmas. It also anticipates His second coming at the Parousia, when God will be all in all. And it reminds us that Jesus comes to us daily in His Word and in the Sacraments.

In the Atrium, we begin the season with an Advent Celebration, where we announce this time of waiting and preparing for the Feast of Christmas, by changing the liturgical color on the prayer table from green to purple.

### The Advent Wreath

An Advent Wreath may be found on the prayer table in the Atrium. The wreath has a circular base and four candles, representing the four weeks of the Advent Season.

Many families have an Advent Wreath and light the corresponding candles at meal time or prayer time. Do you have a particular song that you like to sing when you light the candles on your wreath? Your children may enjoy "Light One Candle." Singing is also a physical release for the child. It is a way for the child to practice language, new words, poetry, and other cultural information.

## Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 am

On December 13th we will be having one service at 9:30 am, during which we will be conducting the annual business meeting of the church, including vestry elections. We encourage you as parents to attend so you can have a voice in who leads St. Paul's in the coming year!

Nominees for Vestry 2016 (4 will be elected)

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| Ed Arning        | Melanie Clayton |
| Justin Davis     | Beverly George  |
| Lisa Halliburton | Charlotte Masek |
| Scott Telford    |                 |

**Catechesis will occur for the entire annual meeting. This will be a great opportunity for your child to catch up on missed lessons and engage in in-depth Advent presentations. The children will join us for Communion.**

## Acolyte Schedule

Date		8:30	11:00
12/6	1st Server/ Crucifer	Sally Smith	Ally Davis
	Torchbearer	Fant Smith	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Grady Knox	Aidas Berzinska
12/13	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	9:30 Service Only
Annual Meeting	Torchbearer	Elisabeth Nelson	
	Torchbearer	Marshall Steele	
12/20	1st Server/ Crucifer	Ashton Nobles	Lauren Ennamorato
	Christmas Pageant	Torchbearer	Ty Baker
12/24	1st Server	Sally Smith	Lauren Ennamorato
	Christmas Eve: 4:30 & 11:00 pm	Crucifer	Sam Tipps
2/27	Torchbearer	Clara Ambrose	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Adriana Guevart	
	Streamer	Fant Smith	Miles Workman
2/27	Streamer	Marshall Steele	
	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	10:00 Service Only
	Torchbearer	Amber Bradford	
	Torchbearer	Ethan Penney	

### Fall Youth Retreat

