

## Sunday Morning Parents Group Historical Understandings of Parenting

Led by Dr. Kris McCusker  
October 23 - November 20



What does it mean to be a "good parent?" In this class we will examine different understandings of parenting over the past two-hundred years. By examining these different perspectives we will reflect on our own beliefs about parenting. How much of these beliefs are informed by culture and nostalgia, how much are they informed by the Gospel?

*The rituals of contemporary culture paint a picture of the family as the incubator of good citizens, dutiful producers, and eager consumers at the same time that it shuts up the family in a private, closed home as part of the American ideal of independence. The result is an unbearable weight placed on the family. The predominant theology of the family isolates it with the formidable and lonely task of being a whole communion. But the promises in baptism indicate a very different theology of the family, which recognizes that families work well when we do not expect them to give us all we need. - James K.A. Smith, You Are What You Love.*

## Mark Your Calendars!

### OCTOBER

- 10.02 - No Catechesis / Youth Christian Ed or Sunday Night Live! - Off for Fall Break
- 10.02 - Blessing of the Animals (4 pm; see left)
- 10.05 - Youth Movie & Game Day (12-4 pm)
- 10.12 - Second Wednesday Supper (5-7 pm)
- 10.16 - Stewardship Sunday (10 am Service; see left)
- 10.28 - Parent's Night Out/ Parent's Halloween Party (6-9:30 pm; see left)
- 10.31 - All Hallow's Eve Service at Evergreen Cemetery (5 pm)

## Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2nd (4:00pm)

Have your pet blessed as we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather outside for prayers and the clergy will bless your pet individually. Fr Polk requests no snakes!



## Stewardship Sunday & 125th Anniversary Kick-off Sunday, October 16th One Service (10 AM)

We'll gather for one service to celebrate our stewardship ingathering, followed by a catered lunch in the Parish Hall. Watch for your invitation and RSVP promptly!

## Parent's Halloween Party Friday, October 28th (6 - 9:30 pm)

All parents are invited to the 7th Annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest! Same night as Parents Night Out. Please bring a dish to share.

Our Hosts:  
Greg & Anna Stewart  
712 N. Church Street



## Parent's Night Out Friday, October 28th (6:00 - 9:30 pm)

THEME: Harry Potter

For children up to 5th grade. Sign up by Monday, October 24 at 4 pm.  
Email [nursery@stpaulsmboro.org](mailto:nursery@stpaulsmboro.org)

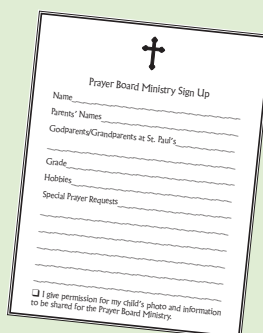


## Youth "Purpose" Retreat November 11-13 \$125 (Scholarships Available)

Does your life have purpose? How do we find our purpose? On this weekend retreat to the Dubose Center in Montecagle, we will reflect on our God-given purpose that we discover in Jesus.

## Children and Youth Prayer Board

During the month of October we will be updating our Children and Youth Prayer Boards. If you would like your child to be included, please fill out the enclosed sign up card. In order to update our information, and to have a card for your child's intercessor, we ask that fill out a card even if your child was included last year. Daily intercessory prayer is an important way that the congregation can support our children and youth.



Prayer Board Ministry Sign Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparents/Grandparents at St. Paul's: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child's photo and information to be shared for the Prayer Board Ministry.

## 51 Children and Youth Joined Us Bowling Last Month!

### Youth Group



### Club 3-4-5



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

**Rite 13 - 7th & 8th Grade**  
Classroom 2-2

- 10.2 NO CHRISTIAN ED/FALL BREAK
- 10.9 I Am Made in God's Image: Just as I Am
- 10.16 NO CHRISTIAN ED/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
- 10.23 I Am Made in God's Image: Icons and Angels
- 10.30 I Am Made in God's Image: God Said it was Very Good

## **J2A & YAC - High School**

The Upper Room, 2nd Floor-St. Margaret's

- 10.2 NO CHRISTIAN ED/FALL BREAK
- 10.9 Contingency: We Are All Connected
- 10.16 NO CHRISTIAN ED/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
- 10.23 You Are the Body of Christ
- 10.30 Bowing Down and Standing Up

## Jr. and Sr. Choristers

*Jr. Choristers*

*Sr. Choristers*

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| 10.5 No Rehearsal   | 10.2 No Rehearsal |
| 10.12 Rehearsal   | 10.9 Rehearsal    |
| <b>10.16 Both Groups Sing at the Sunday 10 am Service</b> |                   |
| 10.19 Rehearsal   | 10.16 Rehearsal   |
| 10.26 Rehearsal   | 10.23 Rehearsal   |
|   | 10.30 Rehearsal   |

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sundays at 9:45 am

### What is the "religious life" of the child?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gives primary focus to the relationship with God through Jesus and offers a sacred place where the child can be initiated into the religious life. Through the proclamations of the Word, this relationship is affirmed for the child and assists in helping the child to draw nearer to God. To speak about the religious life of the child is to speak about how the child dwells with the mystery of God.

### How does Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the Atrium assist the religious life of the child?

The Atrium allows the child the space to draw closer to God. It is a place where the child can listen to the proclamations of the Good News, meditate on the Word of God, participate more fully in the liturgy, and begin to live it according to the child's own rhythm. It is a place for the announcement of the Word of God, a place for celebration and also a place for work. It is an environment in which work becomes meditation and prayer. The child's expression of the religious life is manifested through prayer responses whether silent or aloud, in contemplation, in song, in their work, and through artwork.

## Acolyte Schedule

Date		8:30 Service	11:00 Service
10/2/16	1st Server/ Crucifer	Reese Tidwell	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Hadley Foulk	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Ava Foulk	Devin Pointer
10/9/16	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Sam Tipps
	Torchbearer	Ethan Penney	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Michael Kyriakoudes	Clara Ambrose
10/16/16	1st Server/ Crucifer	Marshall Steele	
	10:00 AM only	Torchbearer	Miles Workman
	Torchbearer	Maggie Tidwell	
10/23/16	1st Server/ Crucifer	Elisabeth Nelson	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Emma Meyers	Andrew Foster
	Torchbearer	Grady Knox	Adriana Guevart
10/30/16	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Sam Tipps
	Torchbearer	Maggie Tidwell	Miles Workman
	Torchbearer	Reese Tidwell	Luke Martin

## Catechesis on Sunday Morning

