

The Sunday Epistle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
January 16, 2022

To Know Christ · To Worship Christ · To Serve Christ · To Make Him Known

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

We're so glad you're worshipping with us today whether in person or via live-streaming! If you're joining us for the first time, please enter your information in the Visitor's Book or send an email to info@stpaulslynchburg.org and we will reach out to you. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St. Paul's.

Please visit our website at www.stpaulslynchburg.org.

ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Annual Parish Meeting will be **February 20** at 9:00 AM. Recognition of outgoing Vestry members, election of new Vestry members and other business for the good of St. Paul's will be on the agenda.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY RESCHEDULED

Due to the uptick in the Omicron variant, the decision to postpone the start of the Lectionary Bible Study seems to be the prudent thing to do. So mark your calendar for **February 16**, and in the meantime stay healthy!

GREETINGS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

The Stewardship Committee would like to send out a big 'thank you' to everyone who fulfilled their pledge in 2021. Despite another year of Covid, the

church was able to make lasting improvements to our parish. We have had a great number of pledges come in for 2022, and we are so appreciative of the generosity of our Parish. It allows the church to plan out the year and know how much of an impact we can make to our community. Thank you!

Billy Morris

—before you leave home on Sunday—check



for service cancellations. If services are cancelled, we will send out a parish wide email and also announce it on local TV station WSET-13. The church office will follow the city school's closing schedule.

The generosity of St. Paul's parishioners frequently brings me to tears, and that was certainly true of your generosity at Christmas - beautifully handcrafted throws, gifts cards above and beyond, and many needs and wishes fulfilled. The young men of Greene Cottage, their houseparents, the staff at Boys Home of Virginia, and the St. Paul's Mission Outreach Committee thank you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity. All Greene Cottage Christmas gifts were appreciated and enjoyed!

With gratitude and blessings,
Anne-Riely Popper

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Eternal God, You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life. In the coming year, help us use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Amen.

Rabbi Evan Moffic

'**The season of Epiphany**, in the northern hemisphere, coincides with the season of growing light. After the winter solstice in December, it takes some time to feel the new light, but at last, in January, we begin to notice a new strength, a growing life, in the light. John the Evangelist has proclaimed that Jesus, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Like the January light of Epiphany, that true light takes time to emerge and grow, to increase in strength.'

Susan Butterworth, M.A., M.Div.

Epiphany 2 (C) Sermon

episcopalchurch.org/sermon/light



The church office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
welcomes you

JANUARY 16—23

Sunday, January 16

*The 2nd Sunday after
the Epiphany*

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

In Person & Live Stream

Wednesday, January 19

Evening Prayer & Communion

5:30 PM

In Person & Live Stream

Sunday, January 23

*The 3rd Sunday after
the Epiphany*

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

In Person & Live Stream

PARISH HEALTH

January is **National Birth Defects Prevention Month**.

Birth defects can vary from mild to severe and affect approximately 120,000 babies born each year in the United States. Most birth defects are identified at birth or within the first year of life. Babies born with birth defects are at a higher risk of death and life-long disability. Early intervention gives these babies the best chance to reach their full potential.

Beverly Wilson, RN
Parish Nurse



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Youth@StPauls

Beginning in February!

1st and 3rd Sundays @ 4:30-6:30
Middle School (grades 5-8)

2nd and 4th Sundays @ 4:30-6:30
High School (grades 9-12)



Greetings!

We are pleased to share that registration is open for Youth@Convention 2022! Our theme and program, planned by the Youth Mission Team, is: **Coming Home: Reconnecting with God & Friends**

WHEN:

January 28-30, 2022. Check-in is from 5-7 p.m. on Friday. Dinner will not be provided. Pick-up is 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

LOCATION:

Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Ave NE, Roanoke, VA 24016

WHO:

Youth in grades 6-12

COST:

Youth Participants: Cost varies depending on rooming option selected.
Adult volunteers and sponsors: No cost



Summer trips*service projects*worship*faith-in-action*Pizza pizza pizza!