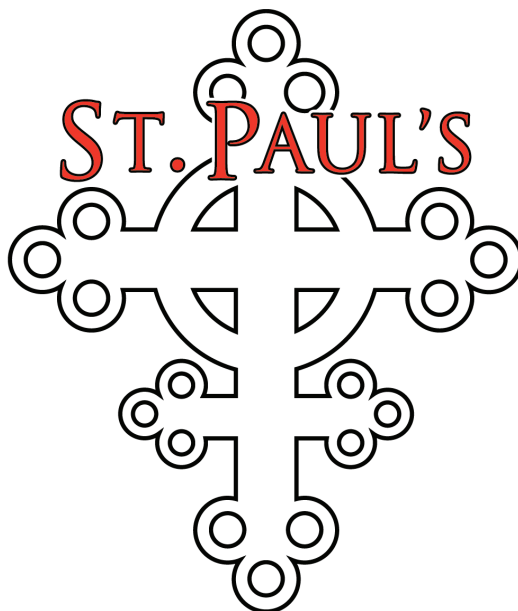


# *Programs & Ministries*

## *Booklet*

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## *Acolytes*

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St. Paul's Acolyte Corps consists of those young people in the parish who are interested in this important and rewarding service. Acolytes serve in a variety of roles each week: the Head Crucifer leads the opening procession and the retiring procession, the Torch Bearers escort the Deacon into the aisle for the reading of the Gospel, the Servers assist the deacon or priest as they set up for communion. Acolytes also perform a variety of other roles as needed for special services such as Weddings and Memorial Services.

Each year, a Head Acolyte is appointed by the Verger and Priest from among the corps of acolytes. The Head Acolyte serves 12 months from January of the junior year through December of the senior year in High School. In this position of honor, the Head Acolyte is responsible for the scheduling of the Acolytes each week and for helping the Verger with annual acolyte training. Anyone interested should speak to the Verger or attend one of the training sessions.

## *Altar Guild*

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The work of the Altar Guild is an essential part of the worship services at St. Paul's. Teams of 3 or 4 serve two months per year and are responsible for the preparation and clean up for each worship service. Other duties include maintaining the silver serving vessels of the Communion, Altar candles, hangings and Sacristy orderliness.

The Linen Committee is comprised of Altar Guild members as well as anyone interested in the maintenance of our linens. St. Paul's is fortunate to have many lovely memorial linens that require delicate cleaning and handling.

St. Paul's is a beautiful, historic church, and the Altar Guild is proud to do its part in keeping St. Paul's ready for all aspects of the Church year.

## *Angel Tree*

The Angel Tree is erected and decorated at the beginning of each Advent season. Parishioner participation can be for as little as 20 minutes, up to several hours. After the Tree is erected, a small number of creative workers sets up the Crèche (manger scene)

at the base of the tree and appropriately moves the figures as we progress toward the celebration of the Nativity. Following Epiphany, the full group reconvenes to dismantle and store the tree, along with all the angels and Crèche figures.

In the “off season,” there are a few necessary administrative tasks – arranging for the repair of any broken angels, record keeping of those donations made to the Angel Tree Fund, recording those gifts in the Memory Book, sending notes of appreciation and acknowledgement to donors and honorees, and proofing lists of those honored and memorialized in the Bulletin for Christmas. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in heading up or helping with the Angel Tree.

## ***Buildings and Grounds***

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Our mission is to ensure that St. Paul’s beautiful property and grounds are well cared for now and in the years to come. We take a leadership role in planning for major property maintenance and improvement. Diligently watching for significant property issues and investigating them is just one part of our job. When a work project is deemed necessary, we identify contractors, get bids, and develop a budget and timeline which is presented to the Vestry for budget approval. We also plan the annual spring clean-up day. While routine cleaning and yard work are not part of our duties, we do occasionally get our hands dirty caring for St. Paul’s.

## ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd***

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At St. Paul’s, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a rich experience for children ages 3 through 5th grade that gives children the opportunity to know and fall in love with the *Good Shepherd* and the God who knows and loves each one of them. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an “atrium”, a room especially prepared just for them. The atrium contains simple but beautiful materials that enable children to absorb the most essential proclamations of our Christian faith.

With five trained Catechists, we usually have the help that we need. However, we occasionally have something special planned that requires extra hands—or, we may have

several new children whose first day goes better with some “one on one” attention. If you would be interested in helping from time to time, please contact Cindy via email—we would be delighted to welcome you into the Atrium!

## *Christmas Pageant*

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Christmas Pageant which usually happens on the Sunday prior to Christmas. The Pageant is organized by the parents of young children who are participating that year. The parents make any needed set or costume repairs prior to the rehearsal. After the Pageant, the set must be disassembled and stored along with the costumes. This is a fun and beloved Christmas tradition here at St. Paul's! Please let the Parish Office know if you can help with the Pageant.

## *Church Picnics*

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The Church Picnic Committee encourages fellowship outside the walls of St. Paul's. The Church Picnic Committee does not require regular meetings, discussions, etc. Instead, if members are generally interested in supporting and promoting fellowship in a fun and family way, collaboration on a ‘need only’ basis is sufficient. We always have a Fall Parish Picnic after Labor Day in September, and we have had some wonderful Spring picnics as well. This committee is a great opportunity to share your time and talent.

## *Coffee Hour*

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“Coffee Hour” is an informal gathering for refreshment and fellowship in the undercroft following the late service on most Sundays. Coffee Hour is really an extension of the worship service, and provides a wonderful opportunity to deepen the bonds among parishioners and to welcome newcomers and visitors to St. Paul's.

Coffee Hour offerings are entirely up to those who sign up to serve, but they can be as simple as coffee, beverages, some cookies or cake, and pretzels or chips--or more involved

if the individual or team so chooses. The focus is always on the gathering and not on the fare!

Ideally, we like to have teams of 2-4 parishioners who work together during their month of service (or who split up the Sundays in their month) to purchase the food (coffee and paper goods are always provided by the Church), set up the table, make coffee, and clean up afterwards (including taking soiled linens home to wash and return as needed).

### *Daughters of the King*

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The Daughters of the King is an order of Episcopal women who, after a 3-month discernment period where we follow a study provided by the National Office, take a vow of prayer, service and evangelism. Our chapter, the Holy Spirit chapter, was instituted in February, 1999 and we currently have 11 members. Let Wanda know if you are interested!

### *Flower Guild*

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The St. Paul's Flower Guild offers an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to celebrate their faith through flowers. At St. Paul's, the Flower Guild works under the direction of the clergy to provide seasonal arrangements for special, "high Holy Days" and other times when memorial flowers have not been ordered from the florist. EVERYONE – old, young, long-time members, new-comers, experienced arrangers, and complete novices - is welcomed and encouraged to participate. On-the-job training is gladly provided!

### *Holiday Bazaar*

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St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar raises much-needed funds for various local non-profits. Bazaar Chairs are responsible for the overall workings of the Bazaar, including recruiting all of the Sub-Chair positions (Baked Goods, Frozen Foods, Crafts, etc.) and managing the day-of activities. Whether you are baking cakes or yeast rolls, knitting baby caps,

freezing casseroles, helping out on the day of the Bazaar, or just supporting by shopping, we know that working with fellow parishioners is a rewarding and bonding experience! There is a place for everyone—let us help you to find yours!

## ***Lay Eucharistic Ministers***

The Rev. Todd M. Vie [tvie@stpaulslynchburg.org](mailto:tvie@stpaulslynchburg.org)

An authorized Lay Eucharistic Minister (“LEM”) assists with Communion by serving the wine during worship services. The Church Office schedules the LEMS each week for the Sunday Services. We encourage anyone who feels called to this service to contact the clergy and begin discussion on how to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

## ***Lectors (Lay Readers)***

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Reading from the Old and New Testaments and leading the Psalm selection during the Sunday Services is an important ministry as well as a rewarding and vital contribution to the meaning of the service for parishioners. Monthly schedules are sent via email to all lectors, whether serving or not, showing dates and readings for the day. Readings are emailed to Lectors several days in advance to allow time for practicing. New Readers are always welcome!

## ***Men Who Cook***

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“St. Paul’s Men Who Cook” is a fellowship within the parish whose primary mission is to prepare, cook, and serve meals. At present, we serve meals several times each year; scheduled on and around important dates within the church calendar. Breakfasts are our specialty. We have a great time working in the kitchen, and can always use more help!

## *Monday Bible Study*

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The Monday Bible Study is a group of men and women of all ages who meet at Carolyn Shepherd's home every Monday. We enjoy a BYO Lunch together at 12:30 and then proceed to our Bible Study from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, with interactive and open discussion. Please join us for fellowship and faith-building!

## *Music*

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The St. Paul's music program illuminates and enhances our worship experience. Our Music Program currently consists of the St. Paul's Choir for adults and youth and the St. Paul's Bell Choir, and both are open to anyone who is interested. The Choir and the Bells each offer a unique fellowship experience for those involved, but participation is also a learning experience. Various skills are offered to help participants grow in their chosen area of music. The Music Program, as well as outside musicians, also provides music for St. Paul's Celtic Evening Prayer and Communion service, held on selected Sunday afternoons throughout the year. New participants in both choirs are always welcome!

## *Outreach*

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The Outreach Commission searches for, evaluates, coordinates and encourages participation by parishioners in various outreach activities for St. Paul's. Current examples include the Reading Buddies Program at R. S. Payne Elementary, the Boys Home of Virginia in Covington, the Sadler Center (the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter) and Miriam's House (transitional housing for women).

The committee also manages a limited budget from the Vestry for donations to local, charitable organizations that have meaning for our church members, such as Beacon of Hope, Brook Hill Horse Farm, Interfaith Outreach Association, Meals on Wheels and various others. While this is an oversight committee only, all of its members are active participants in outreach for St. Paul's.

## *Social Media & Parish Communication*

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The purpose of utilizing social media is to reach a wide audience searching for worship opportunities in our city. Beautiful photographs of our church and its grounds, of our worship services, and of our many church events allow us to share what is happening at St. Paul's as well as to invite others to be a part of our faith community.

We currently email a *Constant Contact* every week to all Parishioners which highlights the current happenings, lists those serving in services that week, and apprises the parish of needs or opportunities for service. Please let the office know if you are not receiving the Constant Contact.

Every Sunday, the service bulletin includes the *Epistle*, a printed summary of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and current happenings at St. Paul's, prepared by the Parish Office. If you have something you want included, call the office and let Gayle know!

## *Tabulators*

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The Tabulators provide an important 'invisible' service of trust to St. Paul's. Each week after the Sunday worship services, a team of parishioners gathers the plate collections from each service and provides an accurate recording of cash and check offerings, securing these in preparation for the bank deposit.

Teams work together on a monthly basis, but only a few minutes are generally needed to complete the task each week while enjoying friendly time with other parishioners. You only need to be able to navigate stairs, count accurately and have the ability to maintain confidentiality. We are always in need of help!

## *United Thank Offering*

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The United Thank Offering has been a ministry of the Episcopal Church since 1889. All members are encouraged to have one of the familiar blue boxes in their homes and



to drop in a coin with a prayer of thanksgiving to recognize daily blessings. The UTO offering is received here at St. Paul's on Mother's Day.

The funds that we give are merged with others throughout the Church to provide grants for projects at home and abroad. Blue boxes are always available in the Narthex and in a rack in the Undercroft.

## *Ushers*

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Led by a Head Usher who is appointed by the Vestry, the Ushers are divided into monthly teams, each led by a Captain. The Ushers assist with the implementation of the worship service, helping to ensure the service proceeds in an organized, dignified, and reverent manner. The Ushers also serve as the "official representatives" of St. Paul's Episcopal Church whenever they are on duty and, therefore, are expected to be well-informed, pleasant, and alert to potential problems or situations. We are the first people that visitors meet upon their arrival at Church making the all-important first impression on our guests and prospective new members. Please contact me if you would like to serve as an Usher at St. Paul's!

## *Vestry*

The Rev. Todd M. Vie [tvie@stpaulslynchburg.org](mailto:tvie@stpaulslynchburg.org)

Our Vestry consists of twelve members, each serving a three year term, elected by the St. Paul's congregation. The Vestry acts as a governing board which meets monthly and, with the clergy, directs the church in its financial, educational, mission outreach, stewardship, and other responsibilities. Vestry members serve on most of the active committees of the church. The wardens are elected from the members of the Vestry each year and serve one year terms.

## *Youth Groups*

The Rev. Dr. Nina Salmon [nsalmon@stpaulslynchburg.org](mailto:nsalmon@stpaulslynchburg.org)

The Youth Groups (both Junior & Senior) meet on Sundays following the 10 am Worship Service. We always have lunch and engage in a wide variety of programs, projects, fun and

fellowship. The Youth Groups provide much needed help to the Outreach Committee's projects and Parish activities by helping to set up for the Celtic Services and aiding with the Holiday Bazaar in November. All are welcome and we encourage parents to contact the Parish Office or Nina to have their young person's name added to the list.



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## ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To Know Christ, To Worship Christ, To Serve Christ, To Make Him Known*