

Newsletter

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Camp Faith 2024

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your support for St. Paul's Camp Faith 2024. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, so kindly look at the pictures and you'll see how your continued support puts smiles on the faces of so many children.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church runs a free summer camp in the city of Camden and surrounding areas for children ages 5 to 12. This is where most of the children are introduced to church and the love of Jesus Christ for the first time. Camp Faith also allows our young people to develop their leadership skills. Most campers eventually become counselors and we've even had others advance to camp director.

This year, Camp Faith is designed as a four-week program to keep children engaged throughout the summer. The camp will be open from July 8th to August 2nd. The 2024 summer camp expenses are estimated at \$33,000. Approximately half of the expenses are allocated for staff salaries and stipends, which includes two camp directors, registrar, kitchen manager, and 14 teenage counselors. The remaining expenses consist of miscellaneous incidentals including, but not limited to camp supplies, gas for the van, daily cleaning of the facility and weekly off-site activities (skating, bowling, Johnson Farm visit, and/or swimming at Neshaminy pool). For each activity, we are required to charter a school bus and pay entrance fees.

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We are anticipating 60 participants this year which means costs are approximately \$550 per child for four weeks or \$140 per week.

We humbly ask for your support in this great ministry. No amount is too small, and every dollar goes towards enriching the lives of our future generation. Thanks in advance for your support. Donations to the camp can be made using the Paypal QR code below. Scan with you cell phone to open the site.

God Bless You.

K. Mitchell Morgan, Youth Director



Happenings at St. Paul's

As of March 3rd, Fr. Mark has resigned as Rector of St. Paul's. However, supply priests have been designated to cover services for the remainder of the year.

Subsequently, the Vestry met with Bishop Sally French to discuss the current & future state of St. Paul's. With the absence of a Rector, she wanted to understand if support was needed from the Diocesan Office. During the meeting, the Wardens & Vestry reviewed the 6–12-month plan for the church and the Bishop was aligned with the approach. St. Paul's will continue to be a viable house of worship and community oriented.

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Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates...

High School: Ariannah Eustace

Junior High: Nikole Morgan, Sani Morgan

Preschool: Niko Fobia

Annual Picnic:

Memorial Day, Monday May 27th, 3pm to Closing

Red Bank Battlefield National Park, NJ

Location: Hessian Pavilion

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and sodas will be provided

Donations needed: Salads, side dishes, water, and anything else you can think of

Reminder: Fathers' Day is bow tie day

Mother's Day /Hat day



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The Bishop's Corner



As many of you know, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has had some health challenges over the past year. While he was with us in May 2023 for the Episcopal Community Services of New Jersey gala event as we celebrated the retirement of Bishop Stokes and several key staff members, he has not been able to travel since then. It was wonderful to see him in Charlotte, and there was much joy – his, and ours, in his return to the House of Bishops.

Thanks be to God for his continued recovery and renewed health!

Nominees for the 28th Presiding Bishop:

Each candidate was different, and each candidate brought real strengths and gifts to the conversation:

Bishop Scott Barker, Nebraska: A person of deep prayer and integrity, I appreciate the ways that his prayer life has grounded and shaped him in this discernment. He brings wisdom, experience, and a deeply prayerful approach to this process.

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Central New York: A bishop with experience in leadership in both the diocese and the province (a regional grouping of dioceses; New Jersey and Central New York are both in [Province II](#)), she brings a focus on justice and a desire to address and learn from our historic challenges.

Bishop Daniel Gutierrez, Pennsylvania: Our neighbor across the Delaware, he brings genuine experience of effective leadership in a large and complex system. With family roots in Mexico, he is also able to speak to some of the challenges and opportunities of our Spanish-speaking dioceses and communities.

Bishop Sean Rowe, Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York: The parliamentarian for the House of Bishops, he brings significant experience and skills

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with governance and church structure, as well as gifts for change management and creative leadership.

Bishop Robert Wright, Atlanta: A compelling preacher and speaker with experience in leadership development, he brings wisdom and skills in leading complex church systems, together with a focus on inclusion.

I am grateful for each of these candidates. They are all different, and they are all strong and faithful leaders with much to offer to The Episcopal Church and the world.

<https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/> If you have thoughts or questions about the process to elect the next presiding bishop, I would like to hear from you. Please join me for the next Town Hall on Thursday, May 2, 2024, where we will have an opportunity to discuss and prepare for the upcoming General Convention.

Faithfully



Bishop Sally French

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