



APRIL 2016

# The Mini-Messenger

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • AKRON, OHIO

The Mini-Messenger is a brief news update sent out in months between our regular full-sized newsletter.

## From the Rector

### Reflections on Group Life



Our Lent Small Groups were a wonderful experience, many have told me, so much so that some groups want to continue after Easter and all participants, I'm hearing, want to be part of our long-term plan to make group-life part of our church DNA. What struck me, in listening to all these comments, was the palpable delight expressed by group members and leaders in being together, with the Scriptures, with each other. We are made richer in the things of God when small groups thrive, we are impoverished without them.

In the days ahead, Dane Allphin will continue, with my help, to move us along in this aspect of church life. We all have things to learn, from one another, from the Scriptures, from the Holy Spirit, in groups and about being in groups. I have learned over the years the quiet joy that comes with focusing on what I can give to groups through patient listening, regular attendance, and real friendship. Group life—like all of life!—is not just about 'getting something out of a group experience.' It's also about giving, even if that giving often is just a willingness to be present and engaged with others while letting the words of Scripture do their work among us.

Warmly,  
In Christ,  
**Mark+**

### A Spring Prayer

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
Bring hope and courage to us as we  
wait in uncertainty.  
Bring hope that you will make us  
the equal of whatever lies ahead.  
Bring us courage to endure what  
cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.



When we face uncertainty many of us experience angst. Sometimes just talking about it helps. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen with a compassionate and non-judgmental ear. Call Carolyn Chapman 330-604-1094 or Jean Jones 330-573-4579 or talk with a current Stephen Minister (listed below) to see if your angst can be calmed.

### Stephen Leaders:



Carolyn Chapman



Jean Jones

### Stephen Ministers:



Jan Burns-Nowicki



Angela Dimezza



Bill Maloney



Bonnie Severt

### ADULT FORUM IN APRIL Half Hour of Power



Please join us for an *Adult Forum* at St. Paul's, which convenes each Sunday for about thirty minutes between the end of the 9:15 and the beginning of the 11:00 services.

**Monasticism: "Something that Draws Us"**  
(*"From our very silence is born something that draws us into deeper silence."*—Isaac of Ninevah)

- April 3—Easter 2: HISTORY OF MONASTICISM**
- April 10—Easter 3: HISTORY OF MONASTICISM**
- April 17—Easter 4: SEEKING THE VALUES OF MONASTICISM IN OUR LIVES**
- April 24—Easter 5: MONASTIC COMMUNITIES:**  
*Led by The Rev. Dr. Don Skinner*



Cindy McBee



Sue Hinson



Dave McBee



Carrie Searle

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## April Events

- Sun, Apr 3—*MOMENTUM***, 6-8:00 pm, *Youth Space*. As always, there will be plenty of food, music and fellowship! Bring a friend!
- Sun, Apr 3—*Akron Symphony Chorus Spring Concert***, 3:00 pm, *Church*. The chorus, soloists and musicians will present works by Vivaldi, featuring the Gloria. For ticket information, please visit akron-symphony.org, or contact Cheryl Kline at 330-869-6283.
- Sun, Apr 17—*Haven of Rest***, 12:45-3:00 pm, ages 15 and up are encouraged to serve lunch to those in need. Meet in the Commons to carpool or meet at Haven of Rest at 1pm.
- Sat, Apr 23—*Nursery School Rummage Sale***, *Assembly Hall*. Great reason to declutter! Donations will be accepted closer to the sale.
- Wed, Apr 27—*Evensong***, 6 pm, *Trinity Cathedral*.

## May Events

- Sun, May 1—*MOMENTUM***, 6-8:00 pm, *Youth Space*. As always, there will be plenty of food, music and fellowship! Bring a friend!
- Sun, May 8—*Rogation Sunday***. Join us for Bag Pipes & Ice Cream!
- Sun, May 15—*Pentecost***
- May 20-22—*Youth Confirmation Retreat***, *Salt Fork State Park*.
- Sun, May 22—*Trinity/Commitment Sunday***
- Sun, June 5—*Artists' Reception***, Noon-2 pm, *Parish Hall*.

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## Weekly Happenings in April

### Tuesdays at Noon

**Tuesday Brown Bag Bible Study**, Noon, G-4.  
Bring your lunch! Led by Dane Allphin.

### Wednesday Evenings— Join us for a service, meal and/or a program!

**Morning Prayer**, 7:00 am, *Chapel*. Meet for worship, then Bible study and donuts!

**Holy Communion**, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*

**Community Meal**, 6:00 pm, *Assembly Hall*  
Come to dinner at 6:00 pm! Volunteer opportunities available. Inquire at the Front Desk.

**Contemplative Prayer & Compline**, 7-8:15 pm, *Library*



**St. Paul's Nursery School** is currently enrolling  
3, 4, & 5 year olds for the 2016/17 school year.  
Contact Pat Ayers, Director at 330-836-2355



### ST. PAUL'S NURSERY SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 8:30 am — 1:00 pm**

*One person's trash is another's treasure!* A great reason to do some spring cleaning! Donations will be accepted in the Assembly Hall the week before the sale. Furniture, clothing, toys, electronics, kitchen items, etc. *All donations graciously accepted! Thank you!*

### Flowers to the Glory of God

#### April Altar Flowers

##### April 3

*Church* ~ In loving memory of David Hamilton Ryerson; given by Peter and Nan Ryerson

##### April 10

*Chapel* ~ In loving memory of Richard Forney; given by Ginny Wojno-Forney

##### April 17

*Chapel* ~ In loving memory of husband and father, Don Wise; given by Marlene Wise, Jason, Tracy, and Jacob Hamilton

##### April 24

*Church & Chapel* ~ In loving memory of Charles L Parker; given by Nancy, Elizabeth and Stephen Parker



### Organ Recital by Garrett Law

**April 10, 4:00 pm in the Church**

*The program includes:*

J.S. Bach - *Fantasia & Fugue in G minor*

Robert Schumann - *Canon in Ab*

Calvin Hampton - *Everybody Dance*

Ad Wammes - *The day that was (For organ & cello)*

Charles-Marie Widor - *Andante Sostenuto*

Maurice Duruflé - *Prelude & Fugue on the name Alain*

**Please join us** as our Assistant Organist-Choirmaster plays his Junior Recital, in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music Degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. A reception will follow.

