

October 25 *Cell Phones and Kids: What Are the Safety Rules?* Susan Tucker, LISW and Community Outreach Director for Summit County Domestic Relations Court, addresses questions and concerns in this evolving area of parenting.

November 1 *Intergenerational Baptismal Reception*

All Parish Fellowship and a celebration of baptism with activities for children.

November 22 *Missions Sunday* An All Parish event focused on Mission and outreach.

November 29- December 20 *Fear and Hope: Advent Themes for Troubled Times* An Advent series featuring The Rev. Sandy Selby, Associate Pastor of Furnace Street Mission, chaplain at Akron General Medical Center and Akron Children's Hospital, and adjunct instructor at Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Calendar of Classes

September

13 *Lifelong Learning at St. Paul's: An Overview of Adult Education*, Parish Hall

20 *Discovery Class* The Rev. Mark Pruitt, G2

Parenting, Books, God and Conversation

Sheila Svoboda, G5

Keeping The Word Alive Lay Leaders, G4

27 *Health and Wellness Presentation* Health and Wellness Committee, G3

Discovery Class The Rev. Mark Pruitt, G2

Keeping The Word Alive Lay Leaders, G4

October

4 *Lay Ministry Fair* Parish Hall & East Commons

Discovery Class The Rev. Mark Pruitt, G2

11 *Music Sunday*, Parish Hall

18 *10,000 Villages* Christel Turner, Parish Hall

Parenting, Books, God and Conversation

Sheila Svoboda, G5

Keeping The Word Alive Lay Leaders, G4

25 *Cell Phones and Kids: What Are the Safety Rules?*

Sue Tucker, G3

Learning to Share Our Faith The Rev. Mark Pruitt, G2

Living with Money The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Parish Hall

Keeping The Word Alive Lay Leaders, G4

November

1 *All Saints' Day Intergenerational Baptismal Reception*, Parish Hall

8 *Learning to Share Our Faith* The Rev. Mark Pruitt, G2

Living with Money The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Parish Hall

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22 *Missions Sunday* Missions Committee, Parish Hall

Living with Money The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Parish Hall

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The Rev. Sandy Selby, G2

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27 *All Parish Reception* Parish Hall



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Living in the Fullness of Christ

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Adult Education
Autumn 2009

Lifelong Learning

Growing in our understanding of discipleship never ends.

Here at St. Paul's we rejoice in that fact! Learning is a lifelong process and, we believe, the best learning engages the whole person. *Formation* is the word currently used to capture this whole person approach and to remind us that the aim of our learning, from cradle to grave, is to *mold us into the likeness of Jesus Christ.*

Being formed, and continually re-formed, into the image of Christ certainly means many things, including learning to love God with our minds. This conviction leads us to lament the anti-intellectualism that can infect the church, making it difficult for intelligent people to live and grow in their faith. Sadly, the importance of theology is sometimes intentionally downplayed or dismissed as if anything goes or as if what we think has no bearing on life. Or, unintentionally, complacent habits of church life can lead us to check our minds at the door. We resist these temptations, presenting instead a faith which is intellectually inhabitable and working, with delight and patience, to conform our minds to the mind of Christ.

Yet formation also includes practicing the Christian life. The task here is learning how to cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit. *Certain practices make us more open and responsive to the Spirit's touch—spiritual disciplines such as personal and corporate prayer, contemplative listening, acts of justice and compassion, discernment, and Sabbath keeping.* That list, borrowed from The Presbyterian Church USA, is not exhaustive. But it's a great beginning. In light of it, our offerings in Adult Education cover a wide range of topics and issues; and they aim to be engaging, relevant, and faithful to our responsibility to be lifelong learners living before the face of God.

Discovering St. Paul's

Especially for newcomers and visitors, but open to all, this three week class, led by the Rector, is offered three times a year. It is an overview of the life and ministry of St. Paul's. If you want a refresher course in the Gospel, or want to find out what

goes on here at St. Paul's, or want to belong more fully to our congregation, this class is for you! Got questions about our worship, our ministries, our theology, our history, or what makes us tick? Join in! *Led by Mark Pruitt in Room G2.*

Keeping The Word Alive

This conversational, lay led class is offered every Sunday except when we have an All Parish Event or when otherwise pre-empted. We examine the readings of the day, usually focusing on the Gospel lesson. The aim is to let Scripture become effective and more relevant in our lives. It's not a class, or a course, but really a conversation about the wisdom Scripture holds out for our lives. Leaders will offer a series of structured questions to get the conversation rolling. Bring your willingness to learn and to listen to conversations that promise to be informative, challenging, thought-provoking, and fun. *Led by a team of lay volunteers in Room G4.*

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a longstanding program of The Episcopal Church, and one of the most successful courses here at St. Paul's and throughout the world. EfM provides non-ordained people a spiritual and theological experience of the breadth and quality usually only found in seminaries. In a small group setting, meeting once a week, participants will learn about the great sweep of the Christian tradition, and jump into ethics, liturgy, modern theology, the relation of Christ to culture, and a whole lot more, all with this in view: *Living out more fully the calling we all share to live and serve faithfully in our complex and changing world.* The course follows a four year program, with each program year lasting 32 weeks. Contact Michelle Tognetti in the Church Office for more information. 330.836.9327

Praying Together

Three groups meet regularly here at St. Paul's to pray. Contemplative Prayer and Compline meets on Wednesday evenings at seven o'clock in the Library, third floor, for quiet prayer and conversation about a reading. Every Thursday morning at ten o'clock a small group meets in G5 to pray for the church, the world, and especially those in need. And on Saturday

mornings at ten o'clock in the library, a lay led group meets for prayer and meditation on the Gospel incorporating a variety of worship styles.

Please call the Church Office for more details about any of these groups. 330.836.9327

Special Events

October 30-31 *Parish Retreat at Salt Fork* A first annual retreat for the whole parish. Presentations on *A Lively Faith* will be led by Dr. Phillip Harrold, Associate Professor of Church History, and The Rev. Martha Giltinan, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, from Trinity School for Ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

October 3 *Quiet Day Letting the Living God Live in Us* led by The Rev. Mark Pruitt from 9 a.m. to noon.

December 5 *Quiet Day Praying with Mary* led by The Rev. Gayle Catinella, Rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Berea, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Special Events for Sunday Education Hour

September 27 *Health and Wellness Presentation* A special focus on maintaining health as well as preventing and responding to seasonal flu and H1N1.

October 4 *Lay Ministry Fair* An All Parish offering to explore ministry opportunities within St. Paul's, the community, and the wider world.

October 11 *Music Sunday* An All Parish event inviting everyone to meet our new Organist-Choirmaster, Daniel Fortune, and celebrate the music ministry of St. Paul's.

October 18 *10,000 Villages* Located at Trinity Commons in Cleveland and dedicated to providing fair trade opportunities for developing world artisans, this ministry will display items for sale and share a presentation on their work and why they do it.