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FROM THE RECTOR

Lent 2011 at St. Paul's

The season of Lent, the forty-four days that lead up to Easter, traditionally is a time for intense spiritual preparation for the whole church, allowing us to recall, renew, or deepen our engagement with the mysteries of the faith, or all three. Our offerings for Lent are numerous, and you can read about them here, on our website, and in other publications. *Our Wednesday evening program* is especially important. Following our *Ash Wednesday Services* on March 9, beginning the following week, on March 16, for five weeks we will offer Lenten Suppers at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. After supper, we will offer an opportunity to sing and pray together from 7:00 to 7:20 pm. Following this, you are invited to attend either of two timely offerings that, as stated above, will 'recall, renew, or deepen our engagement' with the living God. Ed Perkinson will teach and lead discussions on Loving and Respectful Patterns of Communication. Meanwhile, the talks offered for our class *Pilgrims in Christ* will focus on the gospel readings for Lent—with themes of temptation, spiritual blindness, healing, and more—are opened to all. *Signing up for the dinners each week and the talks is essential for our good planning.*

To mark an important milestone in the faith journey of this year's *Pilgrims* publically and liturgically, we will include them in the processions on the First Sunday of Lent. Following the good lead of other churches with *Pilgrims*, we will pray for them during the service as they prepare during Lent for the renewal of their baptismal vows on Easter eve; and, we will share with them in the Lenten focus for a closer walk with God. Our intent is not to give the class members themselves a higher profile *per se*, wonderful as they may be. Our aim is to display, as a congregation, our commitment to provide solid opportunities for spiritual nurture and growth to all who come through our doors. Our responsibility is to raise this profile during our Sunday services, and this year, we hope, will be the beginning of a tradition.

As it happens, all the members of this year's class are already baptized and confirmed. Most have been active members here for awhile. In the coming years, our hope is that this foundational adult formation course will attract more people, those who may come to be baptized or confirmed, or received from another church—

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or, like this year's class, those who are eager to approach their walk with Christ with more discipline and intention. Talk to them afterwards, in the Parish Hall, to learn about Pilgrims. Or talk to me. Or, maybe best of all, take part in Wednesday suppers and all that follows.

Warmly,
In Christ,

Mark +



WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PROGRAMS

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

6:15 p.m. Lenten Suppers (\$6 per person, or as able, registration required. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trips)

7:00-8:15 p.m. Lenten Worship, Prayers, and Programs

Ed Perkinson (Church): Communicating in Love: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Pilgrims in Christ Talks (Parish Hall) as follows:

March 16—Temptation, Matthew 4:1-11, Amjad Samuel

March 23—Being Born Again, John 3:1-17, Chip Billow

March 30—Everlasting Life, John 4:5-42, Mark Pruitt

April 6—God's Light, Our Spiritual Blindness, John 9: 1-44, Sarah Cravens

April 13—The Promise of Resurrection, John 11:1-45, Mark Pruitt

April 20—Suffering and Christ's Suffering, Matthew 26-27, Amjad Samuel

Sermons are now available for listening on our website:

<http://www.stpaulsakron.org/sermon-podcasts.aspx>

Podcasts:

You may also subscribe to the Sermon Podcast by visiting:
<http://www.itunes.com/podcast?id=414887501>

OR simply search for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron, Ohio on the iTunes online store.

The Print Department would like to thank Diane Genetti for donating her beautiful photography for use in this publication.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday • April 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

No 9:15 a.m. Service

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Church

Monday • April 18

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

Tuesday • April 19

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

Wednesday • April 20

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper ~ Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Lenten Worship & Programs

Ed Perkinson: Communicating in Love: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly ~ Church

Mark Pruitt: Pilgrims in Christ Talk: Everlasting Life ~ Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday • April 21

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (foot washing) ~ Church

Good Friday • April 22

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Quiet Day ~ Parlor

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross ~ Church

5:30 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Chapel

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service ~ Church

Holy Saturday • April 23

No 5:30 p.m. Service

8:30 p.m. Easter Eve Vigil ~ Chapel

Easter Sunday • April 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Chapel

9:15 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Church

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact **Amjad Samuel** if you would like to be part of the **Audio-Visual Team** he is assembling. We need more people to help us do the things we already do, but also to help us with new projects, including adding video recording of our services and other events.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Messenger is the official newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron, Ohio, a congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

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CHEERFUL AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We are still collecting pledges, believe it or not, for the campaign that began last Spring! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who have given, no matter what the size, and to all who have been able to give more this year. We cannot do all that we might want to do yet, so we are still asking people to help us close our budget gap. And yet we are thankful for the ability to carry out our mission with a broad range of activities, initiatives, and programs. Our projections will put us about \$50,000 behind our ambitious pledge goal of \$750,000, forcing us to spend with thrift, make some spending cuts, and hold off on some needs. One important thing is to ask those who can give generously to give more in these tough economic times. Please consider pledging, if you have not, or increasing your giving to help us with our mission. The other important matter is to challenge everyone to *at least get on the path toward proportionate giving* (ideally a tithe of one's income) at a pace that can be cheerfully sustained before the God who has given us so much. A nugget of wisdom, with some bearing on giving, follows. Can you name the author?

“ I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men. ”

CONCERT BY THE CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE • CAMBRIDGE

Monday, April 4 • 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ST. PAUL'S CHOIR FUND

General admission \$25

Students/Seniors \$15

Premium seating \$40
(available only in advance)

Tickets at the door or in advance
by calling 330.836.9327 ext. 36



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CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING AND DOING

Youth Ministry

In our previous issue, we included here our Mission Statement for Youth Ministry. Since then, our *Aspiration and Implementation Team for Youth Ministry (A & I, for short)* recently tackled the issue of creating and sustaining congregational awareness of our programs for youth and of the individual young people in our congregation. Publicizing in print is one way to create awareness. And we have some ideas of what the youth, and youth leaders, can do. But, putting out a challenge to you, here are *five* other ways that you can help. *First*, introduce yourself to Jerry Smith, our Director of Student Ministries, and to Daniel Foote, who is helping with music. *Second*, introduce yourself to one of the young acolytes or crucifers, or to a student member of our choirs, who serve, week in and week out, in our worship services. Say Hello to them, and thank them.

Third, come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted primarily by our youth, who will serve tables. Come, and thank them for this. *Fourth*, visit the youth space, the rooms across from the kitchen downstairs and next to the auditorium/gymnasium. Check out what we have created. You'll like it. *Fifth*, ask any member of the *A & I Team* about the good things we are working on. We will deliver an official plan to the Vestry this summer, but there is no law against giving input, or learning from them, in advance. They include Debbie Cooper, Heather Costa, Beth Guenther, Kathy Johnson, Anne and Chris Myers, Bill Rinz, Carrie and Rob Searle, Don and Tammy Willoughby, along with Mark Pruitt and Jerry Smith.



Seeking Wisdom: Pray in A New Way

Thinking and Rethinking Life in the Church

Blogger Jason Boyett (www.relevantmagazine.com) writes:

Ask any follower of Christ what he or she needs to improve on most, and “prayer” will be a popular answer. All of us could stand to pray more. Few believers need to be convinced of its benefits, but actually doing it—consistently and cheerfully—can become a chore. How do you keep your prayer life fresh? Learn how to pray a new way.

If you typically pray mentally, try praying out loud. Find a time and place where you can do this without looking like a crazy person—or just hold your phone to your ear and no one will bat an eye. If you tend to rely on spontaneous, off-the-top-of-your-head prayers, try praying according to a prayer book. *The Book of Common Prayer* is a good place to start. Another option? Pray Scripture.

Does prayer feel too intangible? Do you have trouble staying focused? Add a physical aspect to your prayer life by using prayer beads or rosaries. (Google “prayer beads” for abundant tips and products.) Or change your posture by kneeling, standing or lifting your hands.

Drop a few raisins into the oatmeal of your prayer life this year. I think you’ll be amazed by the results. You can coast through the year, or you can do something big. Make 2010 the year you decide to go big. (*We concur. Prayer should be at the heart of everything. May it be more and more so in 2011.*)

CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Please let us know if someone is in or going into the hospital and would like a visit! Call the church office, 330-836-9327 or contact Carolyn Chapman, 330.604.1094.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH UPDATE

Family Promise IHN

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), the Family Promise Shelter Program in Summit County, was very busy in 2010.

In 2010:

- IHN served 136 people in 33 family units
- A family's average stay was 29 nights
- 86 of the guests served were children
- 55 of the children were age 5 and under
- 30 of the family units secured permanent housing at the time of exit
- The estimated number of volunteer hours was 11,373!

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this ministry possible! Looking ahead in 2011 we still have much to do.

March 14, 16, 18

Our next rotation begins Sunday March 13, the First Sunday in Lent. If you want to help contact Cindy and Dave McBee at 330.869.0436.

Souper Bowl

The money collected on Souper Bowl Sunday totaled \$568.90. It will be used to buy food when St. Paul's volunteers go to Fairlawn West United Church of Christ (UCC) to serve the families in the program. We will provide food for their breakfast and lunch. We will prepare and serve dinner. We will sleep overnight at the church so the families will have a safe place to sleep.

Walk for Kids

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Walk for Kids...Fighting Poverty One Step At A Time

Save the Date! Saturday, May 14, 2011 is our next Walk for Kids at the Akron Zoo. If you are interested in helping on the committee to raise funds for this cause, contact Anne Cannon at makemeover@earthlink.net. We would like to help organize the Walk for Kids fundraiser by utilizing various groups within the church especially our children and teens. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat House Dedication on January 16th

In January, more than 60 volunteer workers, family members, and Habitat office workers dedicated our Habitat for Humanity house at 1254 7th Ave in Akron. They celebrated the completion of the home, honored the great work of dedicated volunteers who made it possible, and congratulated Pam and Naomi Banks, the new owners of the home. The dedication included a greeting from Rochelle Fisher, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, the blessing of the house by the Rev. Ed

Perkinson of St. Paul's, gifts and words from the sponsors and members of the Common Mission Coalition, greetings from Pam and Naomi Banks, scriptural readings and responses, and a closing prayer by the Rev. Joy Cairns of Church of Our Savior. Many thanks to the many volunteers from St. Paul's, St. John's, St. Luke's, First Congregational, and Church of Our Savior for their time and talents.

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County to Honor St. Paul's

At Habitat's Annual Dinner on March 15th, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be honored with the bronze level of lifetime giving award for Adopt-A-House support with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. Rochelle Fisher, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, has informed us that St. Paul's has provided a milestone of support, by providing more than \$100,000 in donations linked to building Habitat houses in Akron since 2000. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

OPEN M Annual Benefit Dinner

Saturday • April 9, 2011

Knute Larson will be this year's keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Beacon of Hope Benefit Dinner. As the recently retired pastor of The Chapel in Akron, where he served for over 25 years, Knute Larson is an author and the newest Associate Bible Teacher for RBC Ministries. Knute's passion is to teach and coach young pastors.

The Annual Benefit Dinner will be held at Silver Lake Country Club. Appetizers and cocktails will start the evening off at 6:00pm., followed by dinner at 6:45pm. Proceeds benefit the OPEN M Free Health Clinic and the overall mission of OPEN M. Please contact Darlene Szilagy at nurseadmin@openm.org or call OPEN M at 330.434.0110, ext. 414 or Tiffany Stahl, ext. 404 for more details.

We appreciate your support!



**Dedication Ceremony
with the homes
proud new owners!**



**Our Habitat for Humanity
House**

FAMILY MINISTRY AND EDUCATION

Lent in the Lives of Our Children

Lent begins later this year than usual. On March 8th we will enjoy our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and then on March 9th we will have our Family Service for Ash Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Church. Lent means spring or lengthening (as in daylight) and this year it will be truly evident! We look forward to spring and the lengthening of the days, but are not always sure about how to address the season of Lent. The stores are putting out bunnies and eggs as we church goers are putting away our alleluias and foregoing flowers on the altar until we can celebrate a Resurrection after a somber Good Friday.

Lent is for prayer and contemplation, fasting and preparation. I suggest that this year families focus on prayer with their children. Learn a new mealtime or bedtime prayer. Assume a position of gratitude when and wherever you can, remember that old and bad habits can die and new ones can bring us closer to the resurrected Christ.

There will be booklets available in the Education Wing for families to take home to create your own prayers of praise, confession, thanksgiving, petition and intercession. The more you talk about the importance of prayer in your life and pray together as a family the closer your family will grow in your relationship with God.

Dates for Families to remember in Lent

March 9, Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm, Family Service

April 16, Saturday morning 2nd & 3rd grade bread baking for Palm Sunday, 11 am, Kitchen

April 22, Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross, 5:30, Chapel

April 24, Easter Sunday Egg Hunt after 9:15 am Service

ALL ABOUT EUCHARIST

Saturday, March 5

10:00 – 11:30 am



Wondering about the Eucharist in the lives of children and families? Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to our annual All About Eucharist Workshop.

Holy Communion reminds us that God is self-giving love. What a mystery! What a joy. No wonder we use the word Eucharist, which means "giving thanks" to talk about communion. Receiving communion is about placing ourselves in the presence of Christ, in a special way, so that we can be nourished, strengthened, comforted and renewed by the living God. What a difference it makes! Receiving communion can turn chaos into calm, help us to love others, and give new meaning and purpose to our lives.

Amjad Samuels and Sheila Svoboda will talk about the celebration of the Eucharist here at St. Paul's and why it is so important. This workshop is for all ages, and includes time with children and adults, separately and together with age-appropriate activities, concluding with a communion service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

During the season of Lent, the altar flowers will reflect a period of quiet contemplation, as we look forward to the joyous celebration of the risen Christ on Easter. During Lent there will be no flowers only greens on the altar to reflect this penitential time.

As is our custom, the Flower Guild is planning special Easter Festival flowers to mark His resurrection. We receive gifts to support our ministry and memorialize or honor a special person or event. If you wish, you may contribute to the Easter Festival flowers in the envelopes provided for "Easter Memorial Flowers." We appreciate your support.

During the year, you also may wish to support the Guild through remembering or honoring a loved one on a particular Sunday. To do so, contact Nancy Parker at 330.867.1538. Your gifts will be noted in the bulletin and/or a subsequent newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

St. Paul's Flower Guild

NEWS FROM THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The Needlework Guild of St. Paul's is pleased to present three additional pieces for the green paraments and a set of white paraments for the Chapel. The green pieces were donated by Paul D. Scovell, family and friends in memory of Marian "Jean" Scovell. The pieces include a lectern frontal, veil and burse. The white paraments were donated by Mary Louise Broggini in loving memory of her husband, James W. Broggini. The set includes an altar frontal, lectern frontal, veil and burse. These designs were stitched by Mary Louise Broggini, Ruth Cornell, Grace Dettra, Pam Feltner, Carol Kirschner, Carole Peterson and Sherrie Petrochuk. If you are interested in learning to needlepoint or helping with future projects, please contact Pam Feltner at 330.608.7783.

Youth Group - Grades 7-12

Thursdays 6 - 8:00pm

Relevant talks, worship, games, friends, and lots of fun!

Youth Forum - Grades 8-12

Sundays 10:15 - 10:50am

Discussions on Biblical Topics as well as sharing great breakfast foods, and friends.

Haven of Rest - For adults & students ages 15+

Third Sundays 12:45 - 3:00pm

Serving lunch to those less fortunate in the Akron area.

Jr. High Youth Group - Grades 6-8

Most 2nd and 4th Sundays 12-2:00pm

Sunday, March 13

Sunday, March 27 (LaserQuest outing, see below)

Sunday, April 10

Sunday, April 24 No Jr. High Youth Group on April 24 due to the Easter holiday.

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS IN MARCH & APRIL

Break Out Student Conference & Lock-in

Friday-Saturday, March 4-5

Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend the annual 2-day Breakout Student Conference with other Akron Area youth groups. This year's theme is **Represent** ~ *Being Christ's Ambassadors to a World in Need*. Friends are welcome. Cost is \$20, which includes the conference, food, transportation and t-shirt. Please pick up a registration in the East Commons.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 8 - 5-7 pm

All are welcome to this annual event leading into the Lenten season, hosted by The Student Ministries Fundraising T.E.A.M. \$6 per person, age 5 and under \$3, with a \$25 family maximum. *Student and Adult helpers please come early (3-4 pm) to help with cooking and set up. Donations benefit Youth Missions.

LaserQuest

Sunday, March 27 - 12:30-2:30 pm

Both Junior and Senior High Youth Group members will meet at LaserQuest at 12:30pm, located at 80 Brookmont Road in Montrose. We will compete in 2 rounds of laser tag followed by pizza and drinks in a private room. The cost of this event is \$17 per student which includes laser tag, pizza and drinks. An arcade is available for an extra charge. Friends are welcome!



A Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols

THE CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS • THE ST. CECILIA CHOIR OF GIRLS
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 4:00 P.M.

Since Holy Week never falls within term time at the University of Cambridge, this service was conceived by the Rev. Andrew Macintosh, Dean of Chapel at St. John's College, and Dr. George Guest, college organist, as a means for the college community to share the Holy Week experience. The overwhelmingly positive response to the new liturgy immediately secured it a permanent place on the Chapel's schedule of choral worship services, second in popularity only to the Advent Carol service. Even Dean Macintosh stated, "I think it's actually more wonderful than the Advent Carol service."

Since typical parishes and cathedrals do celebrate Holy Week services, the Passion service was adapted by Dr. Dale Adelman for their use. The service centers around three sung Passion gospels, interspersed with readings, as well as congregational hymns, and carols sung by the choir.

Many who have attended this service have made the comment, "It was the most moving service I've ever attended in my life." It is indeed a powerful preparation for Holy Week which reinforces that inextricable link between Christ's Incarnation and Passion.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A Four Question Quiz

- Question:** If I can't get to church but I want to receive communion, does a priest have to bring it?
Answer: No. Lay Eucharistic Visitors are trained and licensed to bring consecrated bread and wine to parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in any type of care facility.
- Question:** Will the hospital notify the church if I am in the hospital?
Answer: Due to privacy laws now in place, you or someone in your family must notify the church of any hospital visit.
- Question:** Are the altar flowers thrown away after services?
Answer: No. Members of the Flower Guild dismantle the arrangements, put them in smaller containers that are taken to those who are not able to attend church and those who are in hospitals and care facilities.
- Question:** If I want to have a simple reception after the funeral, do I need to call a caterer?
Answer: No. Let the church know of your wishes and the Quiet Committee will arrange it.

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties.
Just a few are:

- *Loss of a loved one*
- *Spiritual crisis*
- *Cancer*
- *Hospitalization*
- *Discouragement*
- *Divorce*
- *Job loss*
- *Illness*
- *Relocation*
- *New baby*



God never intended for you to go through these experiences alone. Stephen Ministers can help you get through almost any difficult time. They will meet with you for about an hour a week to listen, support, encourage, and pray for you. Care is always provided in a non-judgmental way. Stephen Ministers keep personal information confidential, freeing you to share whatever you wish. For more information, contact Stephen Leader, Carolyn Chapman at 330-604-1094.

MINISTRIES AVAILABLE:

The Flower Delivery Ministry takes altar flowers to those unable to attend church, in bereavement, in the hospital or in nursing homes. Contact Chris Williams, hawkiwms@aol.com or 330.864.2476

The Health and Wellness Ministry promotes holistic health and wellness through education, by offering flu shots, blood pressure and glucose screenings, and providing some types of medical equipment. Contact Angela DiMezza, 330.864.5928

Partners in Prayer prays on Thursday mornings for our church and church family, the nation and the world, and keeps our prayer chain active. Contact Pat Morgan, pm49@webtv.net or 330.864.4525.

The Quiet Committee provides immediate aid to members who experience a death in the family, and those who have been discharged from a hospital or care facility after a serious illness. Contact Alice Bergstrom, lberg1899@aol.com or 330.666.6281; Michelle Tognetti mbtpelican@aol.com or 330.701.3575

Wrapped in Prayer provides prayer shawls, knitted or crocheted by its members, who then pray over them, to anyone in need of comfort. Newborn and baptismal shawls are given in celebration of new life by our clergy or other caring ministers. Contact Marcia Giordano, cmgtin@att.net or 330.336.7270; Sandy Tyson, sandra.tyson@sbglobal.net 330.864.7739.

Eucharistic Visitors take communion to those unable to attend church. Contact the Church Office.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

We give thanks for all gifts.

Gifts to the Needlework Guild in memory of Pat Lepingwell were received from Mary Louise Broggin, Ruth Cornell, and John Wilkinson.

A gift to the Needlework Guild in honor of Pam & Dave Feltner was received from Carol & Jim Pearce.

A gift for education projects in the Family Ministry was received from Eugene Moritz & Maura O'Shea.

A gift to the Memorial Garden in memory of various family and friends was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Sandwick.

Gifts to the Endowment Foundation in memory of Carl Looker (father of Sally Shaffer) and Nancy Kilgore (aunt of Sally Shaffer) were received from Lance & Alice Bergstrom.

A gift in memory of Mr. & Mrs. P.G. Rowe was received from Patricia Rowe.

A gift for Interfaith Hospitality Network was received from Mary Louise Broggin.

Gifts to the Endowment Foundation in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jeannine & David Pumphrey were received from Judy Sarkis, Pat Morgan & Paul Frank.

A gift to the Endowment Foundation in memory of Patricia Lepingwell was received from Sandra Tyson.

A gift to the Pumphrey Fund in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jeannine & David Pumphrey was received from Nancy Parker.

Gifts to the St. Paul's Choir Fund were received from David & Mary Blumberg and Sara Widness.

A gift to the Quiet Committee in memory of John R. Peterson was received from Stephen & Sally Peterson.

A gift to the Rector's Discretionary Fund was received from Mary Louise Broggin.

A gift to the Endowment Foundation in memory of Connie Anderson was received from Richard & Eileen Foley.

A gift in support of the Parish retreat was received from Sarah Cravens.

A gift to the Prayer Shawl Ministry was received from Nancy Parker.

GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS & GREENS

Jeannette H. Blake in memory of Merilou Vierheller

Dana Pulk Dickinson in memory of Carl Dickinson

Justin Fischer - Gift

Jean Gadd in memory of Bill Gadd

Chris, Taylor, Dana & Paige Hackett in memory of Grandparents-Tony & Jenny Olivieri, Pete & Mary Caster, Paul Hackett

Robin & Mike Hardman in memory of Robert Fulton Crawford & Mary Trout Hardman

Ian Kausch in memory of Jack Kausch

Helen Kidney in memory of Husband, Richard Kidney

Peggy Koblenzer & Family in memory of Peg Ethridge

Spanish Club Members in memory of Patricia H. Lepingwell

The Lynch Family in memory of Richard Hicks

Nancy, Elizabeth, & Stephen Parker in memory of Charles L. Parker, Murray S. Parker, LeRoy & Ruth Tunnell

(Christmas Memorial Flowers & Greens continued)

Joyce Powell - Gift

Gib & Donna Radanof in memory of Frank & Jennie Zupec, Al & Betty Radanof

Bill & Barbara Raybuck in memory of Alice & William Raybuck, John & Helen Ziak

Nancy Reymann in memory of Pat Reymann

John & Judy Robinson in memory of Robert & Marjorie Darst, John & Orpha Robinson

Chuck & Bonnie Severt in memory of Zeb & Stella Severt, Ron Severt

Sandra & Richey Smith - Gift

Helene Thomasson in memory of Charles Thomasson & Debbie

Trevor VanAuken - Gift

Jane Watkins in memory of Dan & Patrice Watkins, Jamie Brown

Julie McFarland in celebration of Her Grandchildren

The Flower Guild also gratefully acknowledges the Anonymous Gifts and Givers to the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund.

- Thank You all for your continued support of our Ministry -

Flowers to the Glory of God

23 January

Church ~ In memory of Virginia W. Gore
given by her family and friends

Chapel ~ In memory of James W. Broggin
given by Mary Louise Broggin

13 February

Chapel ~ In honor of Kathryn H. Welsh given
by William E. Welsh

27 February

Church ~ For the recuperation of Roger Bartlett
given by Craig and Shannon Core

3 April

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

Chapel ~ In memory of Leo Tognetti and Paul Butler
given by Michelle Tognetti

17 April

Church ~ In memory of Peter and Mary Chima,
Lt. Virgil Chima, Dr. Nicholas Chima and
Mary Orasham Chima
given by Helen Chima

24 April

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

NOTE: Many dates are still available in March and April.
Contact Nancy Parker at 330.867.1538 to reserve altar flowers
in honor, support or memory of a loved one.

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Words cannot express my thanks to you. The generous monetary gift, the beautiful tile and framed tribute to St. Cecilia, the reception and the amazing photo album were greatly appreciated. Many thanks also to everyone who so generously gave of their time to cook, bake, and prepare all of the food for the reception.



A special thanks to Dan Fortune, Lea Bee, and all past and present members of the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls. I will always remember that heavenly sound and your beautiful faces and spirits.

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To the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls past and present: You are all amazing young women. Keep singing and striving for the best you can be. I have seen what you can achieve singly and collectively... you can each be anything that you want to be.

To the St. Catherine Choral Society: It was a pleasure to work with you. You have all come a long way since our first meeting. Thanks for all of your hard work and enthusiasm.

To the AMAZING choir parents: You work tirelessly for your children and for others children. The support that you have given me during my tenure at St. Paul's has been nothing less than stellar and has been greatly appreciated.

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In closing, I can only hope that I have given to all of you as much as you have given to me. Thank you for your support, your friendship, and your love during my time at St. Paul's. I will carry you with me always.

With love and gratitude,

Jeannie Kienzle



FAITHFUL PRAYER

We invite you to try small group prayer opportunities at St. Paul's!

Contemplative Prayer and Compline

Wednesday evenings, 7-8:15 pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in a deeper prayer life. We listen and reflect on writings from the Christian spiritual tradition, and spend time in prayer using a variety of spiritual practices. We finish by saying Compline together at 8.00 pm. For more information contact Sally Goodall, 330.835.3559 or sallygoodall@hotmail.com

Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Family Room, 10:30 am.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:30 am, G4

Pilgrims in Christ

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Parlor

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Monday Evenings

Sunday Adult Education, 10:10 am

March 13 Salvation in a Scientific World, Pastor George Murphy

March 20 Salvation in a Scientific World, Pastor George Murphy

March 27 Salvation in a Scientific World, Pastor George Murphy

April 3 Salvation in a Scientific World, Pastor George Murphy

SIGNIFICANT SMALL GROUPS

Second Friday Club

There will be no meeting on March 11th, however, there will be an April meeting on the 8th. Program to be confirmed at a later date.

Wrapped In Prayer

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the Family Room the second Saturday of the month (March 12 and April 9) at 10:00 am. All our welcome. We welcome new knitters or crocheters, those wishing to learn and those interested in our mission. Contact Marsha Giordano, 330.336.7270 or Sandra Tyson, 330.864.7739.

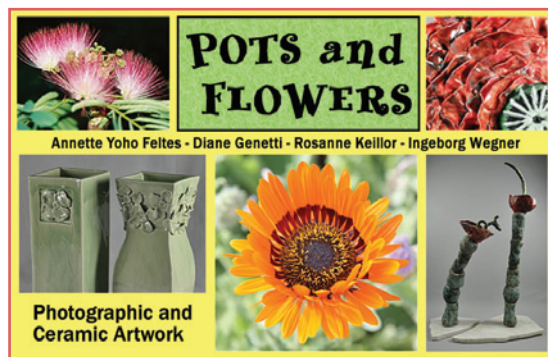
Periodical Lending Library

A little known secret at St. Paul's is our Periodical Lending Library. Located in the Family Room, a variety of magazines are available for borrowing. Feel free to bring those you have read to share with others and borrow some for your reading pleasure.

St. Paul's Art Gallery

In March and April, we welcome the *The Mud Sisters* (Annette Yoho Feltes, Diane Genetti, Rosanne Keillor and Ingeborg Wegner) in a show of ceramics and photography entitled *Pots and Flowers*. This show concentrates on the beauty of flowers captured photographically with stylized

ceramic flowers and earthenware vessels. Open to the public from February 27th through April 28th, 2011. You are invited to the Opening Reception on March 13, 2011, 11am-2pm. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-12, Sun 9am-1pm



Parish Show (all ages!) Christmas 2011

Mark your calendars! In November and December 2011, we will hold another *St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Show*. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone in our Parish to share their art work. We are hoping for a wonderful array of art work done by parishioners aging from 2 years to 102 years. We also now have pedestals made by our Parishioners to be able to display 3-D artwork as well. So, get out your brushes, etc. and let's see a GREAT showing of art work from you all!

Health & Wellness - Room 215

Loan/Donation Closet for Medical Equipment

For some time now the church has provided a room to store donated used medical equipment for parishioners who need walkers, toilet seat risers, wheelchairs, etc. These situations arise when there is a change in health or a visitor has a special need. This equipment can be expensive to buy and bulky to store. Please use this loan closet to clear your home of unneeded equipment or to find what you need to support your recovery or day to day life.

Donated equipment should be clean and in working order. Bring it to the church and someone will help you get it to room 215. A receipt for the donation is available from the receptionist. The room is always open to receive equipment and for taking it. If you are taking equipment please make sure that it is in working order before using it. We'd appreciate it if you would sign and leave a release of liability form available with the receptionist. If you have questions or know of someone with a need for DME please contact Therese Dowd at 330.836.8665 or Angela Dimezza at 330.836.8665.



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Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge
Concert at St. Paul's - see page 3
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

March

- Fri/Sat 4-5** Youth Break Out & Lock-In
- Sat 5** All About Eucharist, 10-11:30 am
- Sat 5** Quiet Day
- Tue 8** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7 pm
- Wed 9** *Family* Ash Wednesday Service, Church, 5:30 pm
 Ash Wednesday Service, Church, 7 pm
 (simple soup supper before, 6:15 pm)
- Sat 12** Men's Breakfast
- Sun 13** Centering Prayer, Parlor, 7-8 pm
- Sun 20** Evensong- sung by the Boys and Girls Choirs, 4 pm
- Sun 27** Centering Prayer, Parlor, 7-8 pm

April

- Mon 4** Concert by the Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, 7:30 pm
- Sun 10** Choral Service ~ *A Meditation on the Passion of Christ*, 4 pm
 Centering Prayer, Parlor, 7-8 pm
- Sat 16** 2nd & 3rd Grade Communion Bread Baking, 11 am
- Fri 22** Children's Stations of the Cross, Chapel, 5:30 pm
- Sun 24** Children's Easter Egg Hunt, after 9:15 am Service