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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.



LENTEN LUNCHESES & SPEAKERS at Noon

Reflections on The Psalms: *All of Life Lived Before the Face of God*

Please join us at 12 Noon for one hour on Wednesdays for some singing, prayers with a brief talk, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall for a small, suggested cost (\$3). *Your RSVP at least 3 days before the Luncheon helps us plan. Feel free to invite a friend!*

Announcing our 2013 Speakers:

- 3/6 Dr. Bryan Hollon (*Professor of Theology, Malone University*)
- 3/13 The Rev. Amy Starr-Redwine (*Westminster Presbyterian*)
- 3/20 The Rev. Gay Jennings (*President House of Deputies*)
- 3/27 The Rev. Amjad Samuel

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOMENTUM— Sun, March 3, 6pm

For teens grades 7-12, 6-8pm in the Youth Space. Dinner, recreation and program including guest speakers and live musicians!!

Lenten Lunch—Wed, Mar 6, 12 Noon

Program by Dr. Bryan Hollon (*Professor of Theology, Malone University*) in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up at the Front Desk or call the Church. *Your RSVP at least 3 days before the Luncheon helps us plan.*

Evensong—Wed, Mar 13, 6pm

Trinity Cathedral. Sung by the St. Catherine's Choir of Women.

Ordination of Michael Petrochuk to the Sacred Order of Priests— Fri, Mar 15, 7pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Barberton. Reception following.

Men's & Women's Breakfast—Sat, Mar 16, 8:45am

Parish Hall. Speaker: The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Hancock. Please sign-up at the Front Desk or call the Church. *Your RSVP at least 3 days before the breakfast helps us plan.*

A Service of Lessons, Hymns, & Meditations on the Passion of Christ—Sun, Mar 24, 4pm

The Choirs of St. Paul's with String Orchestra.



Family Seder—Wed, Mar 27, 6pm

You are cordially invited to a Family Seder. This is your opportunity to experience "The Last Supper" concluding with a Communion service (*a great teaching moment for children*). Sign-up now and become part of a new St. Paul's tradition.

Nurturing the Next Generation series—Sun, Apr 20, 6pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Kelly Shinn, *U of A*, on *The Invisible Woman: Exploring the History, Literature, and Experience of Disability and Motherhood*.

Holy Week Schedule 2013

Palm Sunday • March 24

8:00 am Communion ~ Chapel

9:15 am Communion ~ Church*

11:15 am Communion ~ Church*

4:00 pm A Service of Lessons, Hymns, & Meditations on the Passion of Christ, *The Choir of St. Paul's with String Orchestra*

Monday • March 25

5:30 pm Communion ~ Chapel

Tuesday • March 26

5:30 pm Communion ~ Chapel

Wednesday • March 27

7:00 am Communion ~ Chapel

6:00 pm Family Seder ~ Assembly Hall

Maundy Thursday • March 28

7:30 pm Communion ~ Church*

Good Friday • March 29

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross ~ Church

5:30 pm Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Chapel

7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy ~ Church*

Holy Saturday • March 30

8:30 pm Easter Vigil ~ Church

Easter Day • March 31

8:00 am Communion ~ Chapel

9:15 am and 11:00am Communion ~ Church*

Easter Egg Hunt following 9:15 am service

*Indicates Child Care Provided

PILGRIMS IN CHRIST

Wednesday evening Pilgrims talks at 6:45pm (*in the Parish Hall*) are open to the whole congregation during Lent.

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A Two Minute Guide to Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry has been a part of St. Paul's pastoral care program for several years now, but many in our midst are still unaware of what we do. This ministry has been well defined for decades. The website for this organization: www.stephenministries.org. You might want to check it out!

Stephen Ministry was developed in 1975 by the Reverend Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, to help him provide one-to-one Christian care to people within his congregation who were experiencing life crises. Because of its unqualified success, the program spread rapidly to other congregations, so Dr. Haugk developed extensive documentation and training materials to ensure consistent, high quality care. As a result, Stephen Ministers are uniformly trained and supported across the globe.

If you need someone to listen and a safe place to explore your feelings about how to solve a problem and sort through viable options, you can do that with a Stephen Minister knowing that with absolute certainty anything you say will be totally confidential. You can count on your Stephen Minister to be non-judgmental, prayerful and compassionate for as long as you need. Usually, you meet with your Stephen Minister once a week, for about an hour.

Stephen Minister's will never take the place of a priest, therapist, doctor or even best friend. They are not trained to help couples or groups, anyone under age 18, people with serious mental illness, substance abuse, or those recovering from abuse (unless approved by and in conjunction with care from a professional care giver).

Some of the many things Stephen Ministers can help with are: life transitions such as the birth of a baby, adoption, marriage, divorce, empty nest issues, aging, job changes or loss, or moving to a new home. They can travel with you when you anticipate or experience the loss of a loved one, hospitalization, or when you're coping with your own or someone else's chronic illness or disability. Sometimes a compassionate listener can help when you're lonely or housebound, or when you experience an overwhelming number of smaller issues. It really helps to talk with someone who's not personally involved. As long as this list of possible reasons to engage of Stephen Minister is, it's certainly not complete.

On the other hand, Stephen Ministers won't solve your problems, run errands or do chores for you, or be just a casual visitor. Instead, they'll listen - really LISTEN. And they'll pray with you and for you. They'll ask thoughtful questions so that they can encourage, sympathize, empower, and be there with you as you work through your specific challenge. That's what God has called them to do. And every Stephen Minister at St. Paul's is dedicated to answering that call.

For more information call Carolyn Chapman at 330-604-1094, or Jean Jones at 330-573-4579 or talk with any Stephen Minister.

Apologies to Jean Jones and Amanda Noel who contributed to the 2013 Lenten Booklet but were omitted from the list of contributors. Thank you both! ~ Carolyn Chapman

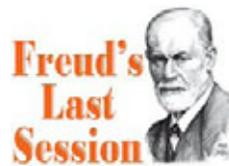
COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

St. Paul's has hosted 20 Community Meals, serving over 2000 meals. The dinners have been popular with parishioners and guests alike. We have all learned a lot in the process and adjusted, and refined our procedures. Instructions are given to teach new volunteers and update those who have worked before. Our goal has always been to make our guests and volunteers feel welcomed and needed. Our plan is to continue the meals as long as the members of the church and our guests keep coming.

We have been blessed that every week our roster of volunteers is filled. But we are concerned about burnout, especially for our regular volunteers. Our hope is to have broad participation from our church members. If you haven't volunteered lately, please consider signing up to work once a month or once every other month. The signup book is available after every service. At least a month or more of opportunities are provided. During the week, call the church to let us know that you can help.

If you are unable to work, do come to dinner to help make our guests feel welcomed.

C.S. Lewis meets Sigmund Freud!



"What happens when Sigmund Freud, analytic atheist, meets with C.S. Lewis, analytic convert? Come find out at the Actor's Summit production of *Freud's Last Session*, running through Mar. 17.

Call Brianna for details on group rates or the discussion class about the play at 330-461-2906.

A Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship & Bible Study w/ Amjad Samuel



Walking in the Spirit: a study of the Holy Spirit through scripture

Tuesdays at Noon for one hour in G-4
All are welcome, bring friends too!

Need prayers? Intercessors will be in the Narthex (the back of the Church) after the Sunday, 9:15am service.

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