



Mitzvah Day dresses for Haiti



The Mini-Messenger

News and Highlights
St. Paul's Episcopal Church • Akron, Ohio

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

From the Rector

Sticking With The Needy

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Easter Fund. That fund, which received donations totaling \$19,312.00 this year, supports Habitat for Humanity in building homes on North Hill which we have described previously. The Fund also supports the Barnabas Employment Ministry, which helps people, many of whom are re-entering society from incarceration, find jobs.

On Friday night June 13th, men of St. Paul's heard more about this from long-term friends of St. Paul's, Joe Tucker and Bryson Davis. Joe and Bryson do so much more than help with employment, and much of what they do at South Street Ministries is motivated by the conviction that God cares for the poor and the needy. Joe and Bryson themselves are called to stay in close 'proximity' to those in need. South Street Ministries is across the street from the Summit County Jail. That's close, that's proximate!

We were impressed to hear the long-term fruitfulness of their highly relational work. They stick with people who don't miraculously figure out what health and stability and success are in a flash. They stick with people who don't succeed, too. Fruitfulness doesn't always happen, or when it does, happen quickly. In doing so, in their patient faithfulness, they reflect something we all should see: God's sticking with us through all our wanderings, mistakes, and sins.

God's grace was a persistent theme of Israel during their wilderness wanderings. It is a persistent theme of the gospel, too. Jesus Christ bears with us—forgiving, empowering, enclosing, correcting, guiding, deploying—each one of us, and us as a people. No two testimonies, it's probably safe to say, are alike. But there is a common reality to them, Jesus Christ, everlastingly alive, bestowing out of his abundance, grace and truth, mercy and joy.

In Christ,
Mark Pruitt⁺

Summer Sundays at St. Paul's

8:00 am—Holy Communion, Chapel
8:45-11:15 am—Childcare, Nursery, 3rd floor
9:00 am—Adult Forum, Parish Hall
(See the Adult Forum schedule on page 2)
10:00 am—Holy Communion, Church

Stephen Ministry

Facing Life's Challenges Together

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4



Do you find yourself in a situation that seems all consuming? Are you going through a life challenge that your friends and family are tired of listening to you, but you still need to talk it out? Are you overwhelmed or burdened with responsibilities that seem never ending? Are you facing an empty home now that your child is going off to college or moving away? Do you need time to discern God's call to you? Have you received a medical diagnosis that has you spinning?

Jesus is willing and able to heal us, and the gospel calls us to entrust our lives to Jesus. Bring your requests to Jesus; He will listen and respond in compassionate love.

St. Paul's has Stephen Ministers who have been trained to help you see and feel God's compassion and love when you are in one of life's many challenging times. Our Stephen Ministers are there to provide comfort and a listening ear.

If you are in need of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Bonnie Severt (330-328-2453), Jan Burns-Nowicki (330-715-8557) or Carrie Searle (330-836-9327 x121).

Vestry Nominations

Now is the time to consider serving on the Vestry or nominating someone who would be a good candidate. Regular attendance, involvement in ministry, financial support of the church, and a cooperative spirit are some of the requirements for selection. Joyce Powell is the Nominating Chair this year. Forms are available at the Front Desk and at the church entrances. Please turn in your nominations before Sept. 14th. Thank you!



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Upcoming Events

- M-Th 6/30-7/3 Youth Immersive Service & Learning Trip, Akron, Ohio
- Tue, July 1 Lunchtime Bible Study, noon, G-4. Weekly Needlework Guild, 6:30pm, Parish Hall. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Wed, July 2 Community Meal, 6:00pm, Assembly Hall. Weekly Evening Compline, 7:45pm, Zoom. Weekly
- Fri, July 4 Church office closed
- Mon, July 7 Monday Crafters Group, 1:00pm, Family Room. Weekly
- Thu, July 10 Needlework Guild, 1:00pm, Parish Hall. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- Sun, July 13 Blood Pressure Checks, 8:30–10:00am, Family Room. Monthly
- Sun, July 20 Wrapped in Prayer Group, 11:15am, Family Room. 3rd Sundays
- Thu, July 31 Healing Service, 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Sun, Sept 7 Homecoming Service & Picnic

Healing Service in July

Join us for a Healing Service on Thursday, July 31, at noon in the Chapel. Four times each year St. Paul’s holds a healing service on Thursdays in the Chapel. Mark your calendar now for the next service on July 31 at noon. We are all in need of prayer, and this service offers that opportunity to receive prayers of blessing, healing and strength for our bodies, salvation for our souls, and prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of eternity with God. Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.



Lunchtime Bible Study

Tuesdays, noon–1:00pm, G-4
“Summer session” of the Scripture Scholars of St. Paul’s focuses on the Psalms and Proverbs. The Rev. Mark Pruitt or the Rev. Paul Gaston introduce and facilitate the discussions at noon on Tuesdays. No preparation or advance acquaintance is required. Everyone is welcome.

Evening Compline

Wednesdays, 7:45pm, Zoom
Let’s quiet our hearts together for “good night” prayers. To connect online go to: zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 844 1828 4802 Passcode: 942011

St. Paul’s Nursery School is Now Enrolling
3, 4, and 5 year olds for 2025–2026
Potty-trained, half or full days available!
Contact Rebecca Bussey at rbussey@stpaulsakron.org
or 330-836-9327 x 160 for more information.

Summer Education

- Adult Forum on Sundays, 9:00am in the Parish Hall
- July 6 – My Favorite Prophet: The Rev. Paul Gaston on Jonah
- July 13 – My Favorite Prophet: The Rev. Susan Tiffany on Ezekiel, & Len Duello on Moses
- July 20 – My Favorite Prophet: The Rev. Susan Tiffany on Joel, & Bonnie Severt on Isaiah
- July 27 – The Dynamic of Praise, The Rev. Mark Pruitt

SAVE THE DATE –Nov. 3–6, 2026
St. Paul’s “New Beginnings Pilgrimage”
Ohio and Kentucky

“Lift up your eyes and see. Who has made these stars?”
(Isaiah 40.26)

Our God is a God of new beginnings. Explore His mighty works of the past in His old and new covenants and what He has for your future. Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and Randy Malick, St. Hilary Catholic Church.

\$875per person/double occupancy
\$300 non-refundable deposit due Sept. 30,2025

Register at www.incrediblejourneystours.com
Questions? Contact Rev. Tiffany (330-836-9327 x128)

Flowers to the Glory of God

- July 6
In memory of John Jr. and Gloria Freiman; given by the Freiman Family
- July 13
In memory of David Moshier on his birthday; given by the Family
In memory of Henry Dure Bullock; given by his Family
In memory of Edith Taylor; given by Carol Ficken
- July 20
In memory of Charles Marshall Morgan; given by his Family
- July 27
In memory of Margaret Fisher; given by Elizabeth Parker

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