



The Messenger

News & Highlights
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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It Takes Time! Some Thoughts

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We know that it takes time to build friendships. It takes time to build true community. It takes time to learn and to grow. It also takes time to *unlearn* some things so that we can grow. Love –if we think of love as something that must be given and then received – takes time. I was told that Cardinal John Henry Newman said that God created the world because “love takes time.” Even with the help of Google I can’t locate that saying. But it has a clear logic. The claim is that God created the world *so that* we could, among many other things, learn that we are loved – created by love and created for love. This is at the heart of the Christian faith. Each of us “has to do our own believing” as Martin Luther put it, even as there are many helpers for us, the saints, the local church, the Bible, and so on. We’ve been given *time* to take in and to test the claims of Jesus and the faith.

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Back to friendship. Many writers have pointed out the way American individualism encourages a “go-it-alone” approach to life. In 1985, Robert Bellah exposed in *Habits of the Heart* ways that radical individualism can pull apart the social fabric and stand in the way of seeking and embracing the common

good. In 2000, another sociological study came out, Robert Putnam’s *Bowling Alone*. Google a summary of it (or read the book) to find this: “Putnam’s observation, based on decades of research, highlights that a strong correlation exists between social connections and life satisfaction.” That was twenty-five years ago! As ever, we still must contend with perennial causes of isolation: aging, illness, social disruptions, laziness, and more. Plus, now, the ever-alluring smart phone, the option to work from home, the computer screen and on-line activities, social media (to the extent it is not face-to-face), and the lure of homes comfortable enough to hibernate in—we can even have almost all of what we need *delivered!* Except for full-blooded friendships.

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If we want joy and happiness, this means, at least, friendships! How blessed we are, as Christ’s people in the world, to have the calling to foster friendships, to labor for true community. Here at St. Paul’s, we call people out of isolation to join us in worship, in study groups, on pilgrimages, in service projects, in one-to-one meetings, and so much more. We reach out through many ministries to those isolated, sometimes by nothing of their own

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doing. Our conviction is that God created us as relational beings, and to find our flourishing in God and in others. This is a shared calling. “Two are better than one . . . for if they fall, one will lift the other up; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9) There’s probably plenty still to be said about individual pursuits, time in solitude away from others, and helpful and unhelpful forms of community. We’ve been given time for those things, too. And given the Spirit to help us discern how to make it through the tugs and pulls of multiple callings and responsibilities.

Yours in Christ,

Mark ⁺

STUDY CENTER FOR LEARNING & MINISTRY

Join us for Adult Forum

Led by clergy, every Sunday at 9:00 am, Parish Hall

June 1 – Revelation & Tragedy, *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*

June 8 – “A Joyful Noise”: The Hymns of the Church,
The Rev. Paul Gaston

June 15 – On Christian Hope, *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*

June 22 – Overview of the Prophets series, *The Rev. Susan Tiffany*

June 29 – My Favorite Prophet: Hosea, *The Rev. Susan Tiffany*

July 6 – My Favorite Prophet: Jonah, *The Rev. Paul Gaston*

July 13 – My Favorite Prophet: Ezekiel, *The Rev. Susan Tiffany & Len Duello*

July 20 – My Favorite Prophet: Joel, *The Rev. Susan Tiffany & Bonnie Severt speaks on Isaiah*

July 27 – The Dynamic of Praise, *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*



Our Mission Statement

To live out a full expression of the Christian faith. And, to call all people to the new life of discipleship in Christ.

Receiving Communion

Visitors & Guests, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you come forward and wish only to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest and our clergy will bless you.

Healing Prayers

Every first Sunday of the month, prayers for healing are available at the communion rail for those who choose.

Summer Lunchtime Bible Study

Tuesdays at 12:00 noon, G-4

The Scripture Scholars of St. Paul’s have agreed to a “summer session” that will focus on the Psalms and Proverbs. As usual, meetings will take place Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm. The Rev. Mark Pruitt or the Rev. Paul Gaston will introduce and facilitate the discussions. No preparation or advance acquaintance is required. Everyone is welcome.

June 3 – Acts, Chapter 28

June 10 – Conclusion of Acts

June 17 – Overview of Psalms + Ps. 1, 95, 150

June 24 – Hymns, “royal” psalms: 8, 29, 19, 24

July 1 – Communal and individual laments: 137, 88, 22

July 8 – Individual thanksgivings: 34, 40, 126

July 15 – Overview of Proverbs (Wisdom lit, structural categories, etc.)

July 22 – Proverbs

July 29 – Proverbs

Lunchtime Bible Study takes a break in August.

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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SIGNIFICANT SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday Lunchtime Bible Study

Tuesdays at 12:00 noon, G-4

A small group meets Tuesdays weekly at 12:00 noon to study the Bible. Everyone is welcome! See the full schedule on page 2.

Wednesday Evening Compline

Wednesdays at 7:45 pm, Zoom

Join us for "good night" prayers. Compline is a time of quieting our hearts together in prayer as the day comes to an end. To connect online go to:

zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 844 1828 4802 Passcode: 942011

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. She'll be soliciting nominations throughout the summer. If you want to know what serving is like please ask a Vestry member, the Rector, or Joyce. Current Vestry members are: Joyce Healy-Abrams, Carolyn Bousfield, Pam Feltner, Brian Good, Russ Guenther, Mary Hunt, Tony Hunt, Cheryl Kline, Karen Knowles, Bill Rinz, Chuck Severt and Bruce Taylor.



MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Quarterly Dinner

Friday, June 13, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Our next Men's Quarterly Dinner will take place on Friday, June 13th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. A time of fellowship and food once a quarter. Authentic community, good food and inspiring testimonies. Guest Speakers, Bryson Davis and Joe Tucker will share from their lives and their ministries with Akron Leadership Foundation and South Street Ministries. **Sign up at the Front Desk or call the Church at 330-836-9327.**

Service Leaflet available to Livestream Watchers

In each Thursday's email blast, we are now including a link to a PDF of the upcoming Sunday's 10:00 am service leaflet for those who want to follow it while watching our livestream.

If you do not receive our email blasts, contact Carrie Searle (csearle@stpaulsakron.org or 330-836-9327, ext. 121) with your email address so she can add you to the list.

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING & DOING

Learning Together & Supporting One Another

Have you ever thought about hosting a Bible study with friends and neighbors?

For about five years a group of young women have been meeting together on Wednesday evenings at my home. This group began at the request of my daughters and their friends who wanted a safe place to learn and grow in their faith. It has expanded to include members of St. Paul's and their friends. At this time we have about 10 active members who come as their busy schedules allow. We start with a meal and conversation and then move on to discussing the current study. Right now we are making our way through a book study about prayer. We end each evening with prayer.

It has been such a blessing to see everyone both young and old learning about God. We are each at different stages of our faith journey but the relaxed atmosphere has set the stage for open dialogue.

I would never have imagined that I would host a Bible study. I wouldn't have felt confident or competent. What I have found is that when we gather to learn more about God, He always appears to lead the group!

Maybe you might consider inviting friends and neighbors into your home to share a meal and to explore all that God has to give! If you would like to hear more about this home-based group feel free to call me for a chat!

Jan Burns-Nowicki (330-715-8557)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jesus was a Good Listener

When we really, actively listen, we put our own needs and desires aside, and we focus our full attention on the other person. That's what Jesus did. There are many examples of how Jesus demonstrated his care for others by being a good listener.



- **Matthew 15:** Before healing the daughter of the Canaanite woman, he listened to the woman's testimony of her faith.
- **John 3:** Jesus listened to Nicodemus' questions about God's kingdom. Then he shared with Nicodemus the Good News about God's love.
- **Luke 23:** When Jesus was on the cross, he listened to the two criminals being crucified on either side of him. Even in his own agony, he promised eternal life to the one who asked for Jesus' help.
- **Luke 24:** On the road to Emmaus after the resurrection, Jesus listened to Cleopas' account.
- **John 4:** Jesus listened to the woman at the well as she told her story, and afterward he shared the Good News with her.

Jesus got people's attention by really focusing on them, caring for them, and loving them. By doing that, he helped people become open to receiving the Good News.

If you are ready for a Stephen Minister to listen to you, we encourage you to reach out Bonnie Severt (330-328-2453). We are here to help!

WORTH SHARING

Your Legacy

By Todd Rosenberg, Director of Development & Planned Giving

We're all stewards of God's bounty. For a time, we're caretakers. We're given time, energy, and resources. What do we do with these gifts? How do our choices reflect our faith?

All things come from Thee and from thine own have we given Thee. -1 Chronicles 29:14

There are many ways to leave a legacy to St. Paul's. Popular options include naming the church as a beneficiary in an IRA, 401K, or in a life insurance policy. Allocating percentages can allow one to balance legacies to family and to St. Paul's.

St. Paul's is known as a parish with a big heart. Each year, our church does great things - through worship, Christian education, parish life, and community outreach. Many of our ministries are possible only because of the generosity of parishioners who came before us. They remembered St. Paul's in their estate planning. Today we stand on their shoulders. As an example, the late Naomi Hoskin, a faithful parishioner, was concerned that our church was difficult to enter for those with limited mobility. So, she left a bequest supporting accessibility, including the handicap accessible ramp at the front of the church.

Remembering St. Paul's in your will or estate plan helps us do things that would otherwise be beyond the annual budget. What would you like your legacy to be?



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Knitting Year Round

Despite the seasonal change to warmer temperatures, Wrapped in Prayer members faithfully continue to produce warm and cozy items with cold weather in mind. The need for warm hats and cowls, prayer shawls, chemo caps, and baptismal gifts never stops, and our members are constantly working towards the goal of providing for those in need.



We can always, always use more help with our ministry. If you are a knitter/crocheter we invite you to join us in this very rewarding ministry. There are no requirements, no great commitments, and loads of goodness involved. Our members always say that they feel as much joy in making these gifts as the recipients of their creations do.

Please stop in for a visit at one of our monthly meetings, held in the Family Room following the 10:00 am service every third Sunday. For more information, please contact Marcia Giordano at mjgiordano47@gmail.com

Mitzvah Day 2025 – Dresses with Love

Sunday, June 8, 1:00-3:00 pm, Parish Hall

On Sunday, June 8th, bring your sewing machine and tools to St. Paul's to make pretty sundresses for young girls in need around the globe. A dress kit including all the pieces needed to complete the project will be provided. All levels of experience are needed. Meet in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions about our sewing day, please contact JoAnne at: theflyingchef@neo.rr.com or call 330-836-8576.



Sundresses made by St. Paul's members and friends at Mitzvah Day 2024

Habitat for Humanity

St. Paul's is building a Habitat house this year, and you are invited to volunteer with us!

We are building at the Silver Maple Ridge allotment in North Hill, the same location as our 2024 house. This year's address is 595 Hollibaugh Ave., Akron 44310. We build from 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Volunteer opportunities include building, providing lunches to our builders on the site, and praying for a successful project. Volunteers who build on the site must be at least 18 years old, and sign a waiver of liability before volunteering.

Here are the build dates for St. Paul's:

Thursdays: May 15; July 24; Aug. 14, 21, 28; Sept. 18, 25

Saturdays: May 31; Sept. 13

If you would like to build or provide lunches for the 2025 team, contact Marge DeCastro at margedecastro76@gmail.com



On Hollibaugh Ave., St. Paul's volunteers putting up exterior walls



Rejoicing in the Lord on Pilgrimage

Forty-four pilgrims from St. Paul's and half a dozen other congregations from Akron and Cuyahoga Falls walked in the literal and spiritual footsteps of St. Paul on a pilgrimage to Greece in early May. Their time together was marked by a deeper understanding of their faith, a growing intimacy with their Lord Jesus, and an expanding prayer life as their days together concentrated on an intentional living out of St. Paul's teachings – of being guided by the Holy Spirit to live a life characterized by love, humility, kindness, and forgiveness as God has forgiven us. The pilgrims also explored St. Paul's teachings on purity, baptism, the crucifixion, and the folly of the Cross.

The days and nights on pilgrimage were shaped by morning prayer and compline, and “singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in [their] hearts to God” (Colossians 3.16).

The pilgrims followed St. Paul's second missionary journey (49-52AD) which focused on spreading the Gospel into Europe through his visits to Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth, Berea and Ephesus. While in Philippi the pilgrims visited the site of the jail where Paul and Silas were imprisoned (Acts 16.23-34), and the river where Paul baptized Lydia (Acts 16.13-15).

A special highlight of the pilgrimage was a visit to the island of Patmos where Jesus gave John the Divine a vision of the second coming, and where he recorded it in Revelation, the final book of the Bible.



Rev. Susan Tiffany & Jane Gramlich (St. Paul's) at the Temple of Aphrodite in Corinth



The pilgrims gather beneath a statue of Alexander the Great in Thessaloniki. Alexander, who died in 323BC, created a massive empire stretching from Thrace and Macedonia (northern Greece) to Egypt and the Indian peninsula in the Far East



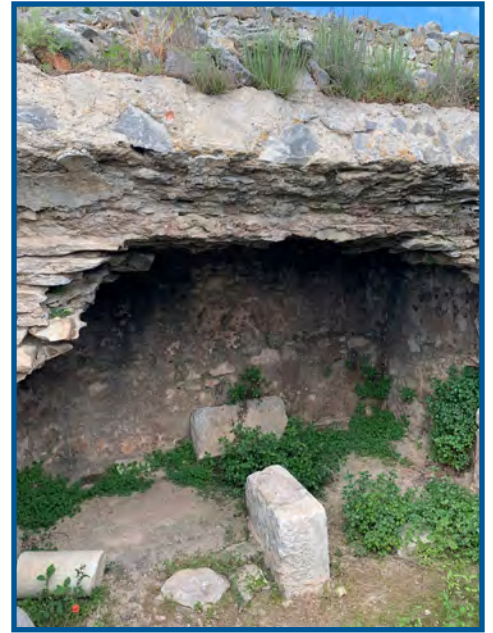
An icon of Jesus' baptism in the dome of Lydia's Chapel in Philippi



A sunny afternoon on the Greek island of Santorini



Pilgrims enjoy the vista overlooking Corinth with the Temple of Aphrodite in the background



The prison cell in Philippi where Paul and Silas were imprisoned



Janet Zazo (The Chapel), takes a break with Pam Feltner (St. Paul's) in Philippi



Enjoying the warm day at the Acropolis were Brian Good & Victoria Vozer (St. Paul's)



A mosaic of the Lamb who was slain from the Book of Revelation at the entrance to the Cave of the Apocalypse on the island of Patmos



"TRUE NORTH"
Vacation Bible School 2025
Mon, June 16 – Wed, June 18
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Sign up now! VBS is June 16th-18th (Monday-Wednesday), 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Children between the ages of 4 and 12 are invited to join us at True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. You can expect a summer event full of faith discoveries, memorable music and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith! Since everything is hands on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God sightings.

Get signed up now to be a part of this exciting experience! Registration sheets can be found at the Front Desk or contact Beth Guenther at bguenther@stpaulsakron.org or 330-836-9327, ext. 131.

Are you a teen or adult who is interested in being a part of VBS? There are plenty of ways in which you can be of service, contact Beth Guenther.

VBS 2025 REGISTRATION

Family Name _____

Child(s) Name _____ Age(s) _____

Street Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Specific concerns _____

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I am willing to volunteer

A Big Thank You to Church School Teachers



Church School has ended for the year, and I would like to thank our dedicated team of teachers:

Devin Sheeks
Brandi Cribbet
Joyce Mancini
Maggie Zook (sub)
David Shahata

Church School will resume in September. If you think you might like to join our team of teachers, please contact Beth Guenther at bguenther@stpaulsakron.org or call 330-836-9327, ext. 131.

*Congratulations
to our St. Paul's
2025 Graduates!*



High School Graduates

Charlotte Doyle	Revere High School
Carter Sisak	Archbishop Hoban High School
Elias Vail	Western Reserve Academy
Chase Walker	Western Reserve Academy

College Graduates

Isabella Rinz	Ohio State University
Sarah Jones Saddleton	University of Akron
Jacob Stump	University of Akron School of Law
Isaac Vail	St. John's College
Ruth Webb	University of Akron

Now Enrolling!

St. Paul's Nursery School is now enrolling children ages 3, 4 and 5 for the fall. Full and half days available. Must be potty trained.



For more information call our Director, Rebecca Bussey at 330-836-9327, ext. 160.

Youth Immersive Service + Learning Trip in AKRON!

Mon-Thur, 6/30-7/3

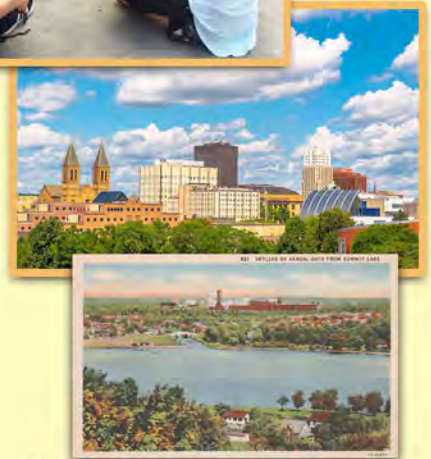
2025 St. Paul's Youth Service & Learning Trip

Our summer mission experience runs Mon, June 30th -Thur, July 3rd. We will embrace the city of Akron's service opportunities by living out our faith through a select few organizations in town. We'll begin our day at our Youth Assistant David Shahata's home, then venture out to complete service duties (*with fun and devotions inbetween of course*). Food will be provided. Daily drop offs and pick ups will be required (*meeting for 6-8 hours daily*). This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about each other, our city, and what the Lord can do through us to live out his glory by helping our neighbors!

\$75 per student, Financial Aid available for those who need assistance.

Sign up by Fri, June 13th. We hope to see everyone, as this will be an exciting week!

For details, contact Ruth Webb, Youth Intern at ruthawebb1@gmail.com



TAKE NOTE

Used Bikes Wanted

As you are cleaning out your garages please hold on to any bicycles you are no longer using. We will be collecting bikes to donate to the South Street Ministries Bike Shop! The Bike Shop is a sweat-equity earn-a-bike program that relies on donated bikes. Watch for details this summer!

Mitzvah Day — "Good Works Day"

Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8

Volunteer projects include preparing meals, building, repairing and restoring, and sewing projects. Many projects are family friendly. Brochures with the full schedule are available at the Front Desk and online at MitzvahDayAkron.com. Also, see more information about our St. Paul's Mitzvah Day sewing project on page 5.

Our Monday Craft Group

Mondays at 1:00 pm, Family Room

The Monday Craft Group meets weekly at 1:00 pm in the Family Room. All are welcome! Stop in and visit, bring a tabletop craft, and share in the fun. Contact Marcia Giordano with questions at mjgiordano47@gmail.com or 330-622-0176.

Suicide Loss Support Group

Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm in June and July

A support group for family and friends of those who have died by suicide. Held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 8667 Shepard Rd. Macedonia, Ohio. RSVP to Joan Luthanen: 216-408-6351 or joanluthanen@gmail.com

St. Paul's Nursery School—Spread the word!

Did you know that our Nursery School has been caring for young children weekdays since 1954? Children ages 3-5 will learn free from academic pressure while carefully tapping into each child's potential with creative and stimulating activities. Located on the ground level of St. Paul's. For details call our Director, Rebecca Bussey at 330-836-9327, ext. 160.



GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

We Give Thanks For All Gifts, And Gifts To...

the Christmas Fund for Community Outreach in memory of Sue Grant, from Mr. & Mrs. Robin Reid

the Community Assistance Program from the Graves Family Foundation

the Community Garden from Mr. Jeffrey S. Moshier

the Community Meals Fund from the Graves Family Foundation

the Easter Fund for Open M, from Mr. & Mrs. Antony Cannon

the Easter Fund in memory of loved ones, from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Genetti

the Easter Fund in memory of Sue Grant, from Ms. M. Sharon Lane

the Easter Fund in honor of Walt Sykes, from Mr. & Mrs. William E. Welsh

the Endowment Foundation's Tracy E. Zook Fund, from Mr. Douglas Zook, Jr.

the Flower Guild in memory of Laura Berry, from Mrs. Julie E. McFarland

the Good Friday Fund from Ms. Jean Jones and Mr. Douglas Zook, Jr.

the Community Meals Fund from Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hunt

the Needlework Guild Fund for one kneeler, from the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Michael Petrochuk

the New Initiatives Fund from Ms. Barbara Buchan and Ms. Jo Anne Dawson

the Rector's Discretionary Fund in memory of Nan Bartlett, Dale Koblenzer, Tom Robb, and Betty Sandwick, from Mr. David Nix and The Rev. Sarah Nix

the Rector's Discretionary Fund from Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hunt and Mr. Frederick W. Martin

the Rogation Fund for plants, in memory of Renee's brother Richard, from Mr. & Mrs. Terry Albright

the Rogation Fund in memory of Ed & Kathy Berg

the Rogation Fund for plants, in memory of Mary Louise Broggini and Nan Bartlett, from Mrs. Pamela Feltner

the Rogation Fund in honor of Trevor's and Teigan's first communion, from Mr. & Mrs. Bradley P. Haas

the Rogation Fund in memory of family and friends, from Ms. Yvonne M. Krell

the Rogation fund for plants in memory of Sue Grant, from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Severt

the Rogation fund from Tana Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Billow, Ms. Jo Anne Dawson, Mr. & Mrs. John Dronzek, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick K. Lacher, Mr. William F. Maloney, The Rev. & Mrs. David McBee, Mrs. Jacqueline B. Milan, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mooney, Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Nordmeyer, Ms. Joyce Powell, The Rev. & Mrs. Mark J. Pruitt, and Mr. Phillip Ridgley

2025 Easter Festival of Flowers

Gifts given by

Mr. Bret T. Benson

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Billow

Mr. & Mrs. Antony Cannon

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cockfield

Mrs. Pamela Feltner

Mrs. Virginia Gore

Mrs. Carol Kirschner

Mr. Robert Pech

Mr. Phillip Ridgley

Mrs. Jane Schwab

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Severt

Reina Shehadi

The Rev. Susan J. Tiffany

Mr. Mark Wheeler

In Honor or Memory of

Laurel "Dodie" Benson

Patrick & Jeanette McQuillan
and Charles & Retta Billow

Harry W. Schwab, Jr.

Albert, Lorraine, Ethel,
William, Ann, & Thomas

David Feltner

Robert Pech

Gerald & Michael Kirschner

Ginnie Gore

William K. Sturniolo

Harry W. Schwab, Jr.

Susan Grant

William & Ginnie Gore

Roger & Persis Tiffany

Marjory & Robert Wheeler



Easter Flowers Gifts

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Cochran

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Edwards

Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Johnston

The Rev. & Mrs. Mark Pruitt

Miss Kacey Wyman

FLOWERS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

June and July Altar Flowers

June 1

In loving memory of Florence Maloney; given by F. Maloney and Family

In loving memory of Henry Barkow; given by Ruth Barkow

In loving memory of Charles Parker; given by Elizabeth Parker

June 8

In honor of Laura Preston on her birthday; given by Chip Billow

In loving memory of my family, Martin and Faye Alexander, sister Marta Alexander Perrine and son Robert Shanklin; given by Tana Alexander

June 15

In loving memory of James W. Nolte; given by Connie Nolte

In loving memory of Judith Fisher; given by Elizabeth Parker

June 22

In loving memory of Katie & Bill Maloney; given by Susan Maloney

July 6

In loving memory of John Jr. and Gloria Freiman; given by the Freiman Family

July 13

In loving memory of David Moshier on his birthday; given by the Family

In loving memory of Henry Dure Bullock; given by his Family

July 20

In loving memory of Charles Marshall Morgan; given by his Family

July 27

In loving memory of Margaret Fisher; given by Elizabeth Parker

Altar arrangements are given each week in honor, support, memory, or celebration of someone we love. Many dates are available. To reserve altar arrangements, contact Julie McFarland at period2380@gmail.com or 330-819-8552.

FROM THE TREASURER

Operating Budget Results

Summarized here are the St. Paul's operating budget results for the calendar year to date.

The year-to-date as of 4/30/2025 ended with greater than budgeted contribution revenue. Expenses were higher than budgeted overall, contributing to the net deficit, which was actually less than the prior year's net deficit.

Please contact Treasurer Gail Wild, at 330-836-9327 ext. 124, or by email at gwild@stpaulsakron.org, for any questions regarding finances or to

As of 04/30/2025	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2024 Annual Budget
Pledge Income	\$ 206,756	\$ 201,200	\$ 605,000
Non-Pledge Income	\$ 41,307	\$ 36,600	\$ 111,022
Other Contributions	\$ 19,969	\$ 23,500	\$ 32,978
Transfer from Endowment	\$ 140,017	\$ 130,049	\$ 521,280
All Other Income	\$ 49,194	\$ 63,583	\$ 240,834
Total Revenue	\$ 457,243	\$ 454,932	\$ 1,511,114
Total Expense	\$ 548,396	\$ 503,705	\$ 1,511,114
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (91,153)	\$ (48,773)	\$ -0-

make contributions. For online giving options, please visit our website: stpaulsakron.org/give-online

You May Have Been Selected!

Our auditors, Crum & Company, are conducting the church's annual financial audit for the calendar year 2025. As part of the annual audit, several parishioners will be selected at random to receive a mailing asking the parishioner to confirm the amount of their contributions for the year. This mailing will come from, and responses must be returned to:

Crum & Company, 1640 Akron Peninsula Rd., Suite 102, Akron, OH 44313

If you receive a mailing from Crum & Company, thank you in advance for responding promptly! Your timely response will help expedite completion of our annual audit.

Should you have questions about this correspondence, please contact our Treasurer, Gail Wild at 330-836-9327 ext. 124 or gwild@stpaulsakron.org



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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Holy Communion , Chapel
8:45-11:15 am	Childcare , Nursery, 3 rd Floor
9:00 am	Adult Forum led by clergy , Parish Hall
10:00 am	Holy Communion , Church
	Coffee Hour, after the service , Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Jun 2	Monday Crafters Group , 1:00 pm, Family Room. Weekly
Tue, Jun 3	Lunchtime Bible Study , noon, G-4. Weekly Needlework Guild , 6:30 pm, Parish Hall. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Wed, Jun 4	Community Meal , 6:00 pm, Assembly Hall. Weekly Evening Compline , 7:45 pm, Zoom. Weekly
Sun, Jun 8	Pentecost with String Orchestra Blood Pressure Checks , 8:30-10:00 am, Family Room. Monthly Mitzvah Day , "Dresses for Girls," 1:00-3:00 pm, Parish Hall
Thu, June 12	Needlework Guild , 1:00 pm, Parish Hall. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Fri, Jun 13	Men's Quarterly Dinner , 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sun, Jun 15	Trinity Sunday Wrapped in Prayer Group , 11:15 am, Family Room. 3rd Sundays
M-W 6/16-18	Vacation Bible School , 9:00 am-12:00 noon
M-Th 6/30-7/3	Youth Immersive Service & Learning Trip , Akron, Ohio



St. Paul's pilgrims visit the Acropolis in Athens. From left, Mary Blumberg, Lois Tullis, Carol Ficken, Joyce Healy-Abrams, Kathy Cockfield, and Liz Mapes (First Parish Unitarian Church in Portland, Maine)