

## Remember in Prayer

For healing and those in need of prayer, Victoria, Kate, Sue, Jessica, Gentile, Julie, Grant.

Thanksgiving for those serving our country.

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of Uganda.

### Prayer Requests

We depend on members of our congregation to submit the names of people in need of prayer. Contact Carrie Searle at 330-836-9327, x 21 or [csearle@stpaulsakron.org](mailto:csearle@stpaulsakron.org) to add a name to our list for three weeks at a time. *Please be sure to have the person's permission.* After three weeks, if you would like the name to remain on the list, you may call again to renew the name for another three week cycle.



**Weddings** at St. Paul's are joyous occasions, elegant, full of promise, and important. **Marriage**, the life-long commitment that comes after the wedding, requires solid preparation.

Part of preparing is meeting with our clergy at least six months before the wedding (preferably even sooner!) and, among other things, reading a contemporary book on marriage as a basis for discussion. Currently, Gary Chapman's book, *Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married* is what we use. It's available from Amazon, of course, and we recommend to those already married. A sample copy is available at the front desk.

### HELP NEEDED: Clearing tables

Can you help clear tables after the Community Meal on Wednesday evenings? Stop by on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm if you can help. Overall questions about St. Paul's Community Meal can be answered by Pat Ovark at 216-389-4630.

### Please visit St. Paul's Facebook Page

Have you checked out our Facebook page? Search for [@stpaulsepiscopalakron](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalakron) on Facebook to find our page. Please 'Like' and 'Share' so we get more traffic to our page. **Thank you!**



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[StPaulsAkron.org](http://StPaulsAkron.org)

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### CLERGY & PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Mark Pruitt  
*Rector*

The Rev. Susan Tiffany  
*Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Polly Glanville  
*Deacon*

Carolyn Chapman  
*Pastoral Care Coordinator*

Daniel Fortune  
*Organist/Choirmaster*

Beth Guenther  
*Director of Ministry to Families & Children*

### We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Eucharistic Visitors are available to take communion to those who are unable to attend church. Call the church office or Carolyn Chapman at (330) 604 -1094.

**Hearing devices for the service are available at the Receptionist's desk.**



# Welcome!



# Christ is Risen!

## Alleluia



### OUR 2018 EASTER FUND

**"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."** Hebrews 13:15, 16

**Do good and share!** Our Easter Fund supports Habitat for Humanity locally, developments in Africa and Haiti internationally, and other projects close to home and far away, including the Good Samaritan Youth Summer Mission Trip. Through our Easter Fund, we build homes, we build schools and we improve communities so they have potable water, electricity, and sanitation.

**Do good and share!** What a great motto for Living the Christian Life generously! **Please give to our Easter Fund. We will collect gifts until Pentecost.** We have special envelopes for it. Or you can send a check to the church office designated for The Easter Fund.

## Sunday Christian Formation for All Ages

**Child Care Center**, 9:15 am–12 pm, *Education Wing*. Professional and caring supervision for children 4 and under.

**Church School Classes**, 10:15am, *Education Wing*. 3 year olds through grade 7. *NO CLASSES today. Resumes next Sunday.*

**Youth Forum**, 10:15am, downstairs, *Youth Space*. *NO CLASSES today. Resumes next Sunday.*

**Adult Forum**, immediately after the 9:15, *G-2/3*. *NO Adult Forum today.*

## Plan now for Summer

**Women's Weekend Retreat** The planning committee for the women's weekend retreat, June 22–24, is hard at work creating an enticing program that will stimulate minds and spirits as we explore God's Word, and learn to incorporate the arts in our prayer disciplines. Registration forms for the retreat will be available at the front desk by April 22. Cost of the retreat (two-night's accommodations plus five meals) is \$125. It will be held at Loyola Retreat House, in Clinton, OH—only 30 minutes from St. Paul's!

**Good Samaritan Youth Mission Trip** will be traveling July 20–23 to New Paris, Ohio (just west of Cincinnati) to help those in need. Registration forms will be coming soon. Scholarship help available.

## Significant Small Groups

### Morning Prayer & Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 am, *Chapel*. Meet for worship, then Bible study and donuts!

### Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at Noon, *G-4*. Bring your lunch! This week we start a three-week series on the Resurrection. Then in May, we start our study on the book of James. *Led by Dane Allphin.*

### Women's Lenten Bible Study

The Women's Lenten Bible Study will continue exploring the work of Jesus, the Son of God, as recorded in John's Gospel through the Easter season. New students are welcome to join us on Mondays at 10 a.m. in *G-4*. *Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.*

### LIFE EXPLORED: What's the best gift God could give you?

Wednesdays through April 11 7:00–8:15 pm  
Part of the Christianity Explored Program, this course tackles Big Questions about purpose, and meaning, and—crucially—happiness. *Meet in the Parish Hall. Led by The Rev. Mark Pruitt.*

### 2nd Saturday Prayer Brunch

April 14 will be the next gathering of the 2nd Saturday Prayer Brunch for women. We meet at 11 am in the *Parlor* to nourish our bodies with delicious culinary offerings, listen to a teaching on prayer, then divide into small groups to pray for one another. Please bring a dish to share. Childcare available on request. *Hosted by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.*

### Men's Breakfast

April 21, 8:45– 10:30 am, *Parish Hall*  
Rebuilding St. Paul's in a new era. It can be done, it can be fun! Sign up today! *Led by The Rev. Mark Pruitt.*

## Today

**Easter Sunday**, services at 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am. *Easter Egg Hunt* follows the 9:15 am service on the Front Lawn.

## Upcoming Events

**Tue, Apr 3**

**Tuesday Bible Study**, Noon, *G-4*. Bring your lunch! This week we start a three-week series on the Resurrection. *Led by Dane Allphin.*

**Wed, Apr 4**

**Morning Prayer**, 7:00 am, *Chapel*. Meet for worship, then Bible study and donuts!

**Healing Service**, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*. Join us on the first Wednesday of every month for this special service. *Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.*

**Community Meal**, 6:00 pm, *Assembly Hall*.

**Life Explored**, a seven-week series. 7:00–8:15 pm. Through April 11. *Led by The Rev. Mark Pruitt.*

**Fri, Apr 6**

**Serious Fun Youth Group**, 6–8:00 pm, *Youth Space*. For Grades 6–12.

**Sat, Apr 14**

**Women's Prayer Brunch**, 11:00 am, *Parlor*. Strengthen your bodies, strengthen your souls, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Sign up at the Front Desk. Please bring food to share. Childcare will be provided by request. *Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.*

**Sun, Apr 15**

**Newcomer's Lunch**, 1:00 –2:30 pm, *Parish Hall*.

**St. Paul's Weekly Rotation for Family Promise**, see Cindy McBee if you can help this week.

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**Sun, Apr 22**

**Blood Pressure Checks**, 8:30–11:00 am, *Family Room*.

**Sat, Apr 28**

**Craft Show—St. Paul's Nursery School**, 9:00 am–3:00 pm, *Assembly Hall*. Lunch available, Bake Sale, Raffle Baskets! Something for everyone! If you are interested in having a \$30.00 table, contact Pat Ayers.

**Sun, May 6**

**Rogation Sunday**. Don't miss the bagpipes and ice cream!

**Sat, May 12**

**Women's Prayer Brunch**, 11:00 am, *Parlor*. Strengthen your bodies, strengthen your souls, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Sign up at the Front Desk. Please bring food to share. Childcare will be provided by request. *Led by The Rev. Susan Tiffany.*

**Sun, May 20**

**Pentecost.**

**Magnificent Easter Flowers** have become a tradition at St. Paul's, a tradition to which we all look forward. Our hearts are lifted when we enter the church after a long winter and Lenten season. One parishioner said that she always understood intellectually the joy of Christ's resurrection. However, she first felt that joy emotionally when she walked into St. Paul's on Easter Sunday and saw the flower displays.

Help the Flower Guild continue this ministry by making a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund. Flowers are not part of the operating budget at St. Paul's. Arrangements are funded solely by the donations of those who wish to celebrate milestones, honor friends, or memorialize loved ones. Please give what you can. Envelopes are available at the Front Desk.



**Healing Service** The next monthly service of healing and Eucharist will be Wednesday, April 4 at 5:30 pm in the chapel. Join us for music, healing prayer, and thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Jesus, then gather with the larger family of St. Paul's for the Community Meal at 6 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.