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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.

From the Rector

Loving Well

When the Beatles wrote a song titled "Love is All You Need," one reviewer issued this terse response, "No, it isn't." More is needed to get through life, indeed. And love, we know, is a word used loosely. In November, the Scriptures for preaching line up in a way that will allow us to think together about how we love others. How do we love hurting neighbors? How do we love needy neighbors? How do we love humbly and consistently? Come expecting to grow in the great commandment to love our neighbors.



In Christ,

Mark+

Please note that we will have a **COMBINED SERVICE** on Advent I – Sunday, December 3
ONE Church service at 10:00 am
(8:00 am Chapel service as usual)

Significant Small Groups

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at Noon, 6-4. Bring your lunch! Join us as we read through the gospel of Mark. *Led by Dane Allphin.*

Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

Eucharistic Visitors

Home Bound?

Can't come to church? If you are home bound for any reason, a Eucharistic Visitor will bring the Eucharist to you. Perhaps you've had surgery, or due to an illness have had to remain incapacitated at home but miss sharing the Eucharist with us. We want you to remain connected to St. Paul's and will happily arrange to bring it to your home. To arrange a convenient time, please call the church office.

Stephen Ministry

Get in on the Action - God up-close-and-personal

Stephen Ministry is growing again! Come join with us to live out Christ's mandate to "bear one another's burdens" in order that you may "fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians 6:2*

What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are parishioners who receive special training to temporarily provide one-to-one Christian care to others in our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties.

God working! Stephen Ministry is a journey of growth and transformation, no matter whether you are the care giver or

the care receiver. It's difficult to describe with words the "God experience" for both. What Stephen Ministers have found is that:

- God heals and transforms people when they are free to share their burdens and concerns in a safe and non-threatening place
- Someone else's journey can also be transforming for a Stephen Minister
- The skills they learn in training help them with colleagues, friends and members of their own family
- By trusting in God to be the cure giver, a Stephen Minister is free to listen nonjudgmentally

You may talk with any of our Stephen Ministers or a Stephen Leader for more information. Classes begin in early 2018. Join with others who have experienced the beauty of living your faith.

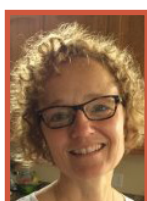
Stephen Leaders:



Carolyn Chapman

Jean Jones

Current Stephen Ministers:



Jan Burns-Nowicki



Angela Dimezza



Tom Dyser



Bonnie Severt



Sue Hinson



Dave McBee



Carrie Searle



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November & Early December Events

Wed, Nov 1—Christianity Explored, 7-8:30 pm, *Parish Hall*.

Sun, Nov 5—All Saints' Day

Evensong with the Choirs of St. Paul's,

4:00 pm, *Church*.

Momentum, 6-8:00 pm, *Youth Space*.

Sun, Nov 12—Artist's Reception, Noon, *Parish Hall*. Meet and greet the artists!

Sun, Nov 19—Evensong with the Men's Choir, 4:00 pm, *St. Andrew's, Barberton*.

Tue, Nov 21—Library Book Group, 6:00 pm, *Library*.

Focusing on *The Problem of Pain (Part 2)*, by C.S. Lewis.

Sun, Dec 3—Advent 1—Combined Service, 10:00 am, *Church*.

Lessons & Carols on Advent Sunday, 4:00 pm, *Church*.

Weekly Happenings in November

Tue: Tuesday Brown Bag Bible Study, Noon, *G-4*
Bring your lunch! Led by Dane Allphin.

Wed: Morning Prayer, 7:00 am, *Chapel*, Bible study follows.
Holy Eucharist, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*.
Community Meal, 6:00 pm, *Assembly Hall*.
Come to dinner at 6 pm! Volunteers needed.

Fri: Serious Fun Youth Group every Friday night, 6-8:00 pm, *Youth Space*. For kids in grades 6-12.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Paul's is helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Cuyahoga Falls. We need volunteers to build or provide lunch on Saturday, November 4 *and/or* Thursday, November 16. Contact Mary Shepherd at mshp@ohio.net or 330-715-3771 to sign up.

Needed: Cooking Teams

Our Wednesday night Community Meal committee is looking for a couple new cooking teams (*of 4 to 6 folks each*). Consider gathering friends to participate in this important community outreach. Help is provided for planning. If interested, please contact Pat Ovark at 216-389-4630.

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Take Note



Please join us for *Adult Forum* at St. Paul's, which convenes each Sunday for about thirty minutes between the end of the 9:15 and the beginning of the 11:00 services. *Approx. 10:15 am in G-2/3.*

Adult Forum in November and December

Nov 5—The Importance of The Work of the Word

Nov 12—The Importance of Prayer

Nov 19—The Importance of Mission & Outreach I

Nov 26—The Importance of Mission & Outreach II

Dec 3—Advent I, Always Preparing

Dec 10—Advent II, Always Rejoicing

Dec 17—Advent III, Always Proclaiming

No Adult Forum on Dec 24 and Dec 31

Lessons & Carols
on Advent Sunday

Join Us!

December 3

4:00 pm



For more information on any of our programs call the Church at 330-836-9327.



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