

Remember in Prayer

For the family and friends of Carol Hunsche.

For healing and those in need of prayer, Marcia, Max, Matt, Wayne, Elizabeth, John, Victoria, Anita, Tammy, Grant.

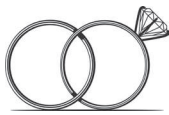
Thanksgiving for those serving our country.

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for The Southeast Mission Area.

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

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 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.

Form a Cooking Team of Friends for the Community Meal

How about enjoying a night with friends participating in our community outreach program? Form a cooking team of other couples or a group of friends and cook for our Community Meal on a Wednesday night. The average cooking team is about 4 to 6 folks. Choose your meal or we have recipes that are simple and easy to follow. Shopping suggestions are available. If interested, please contact Pat Ovarik at 216-389-4630.

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The Rev. Susan Tiffany
Assistant Rector

The Rev. Polly Glanville
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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.



Weekly Bulletin

Welcome

For our guests today, our Worship Bulletins make it easy to join in our praise of God. And after the service, please join us in the East Commons or the Parish Hall for coffee and conversation.



Christmas at St. Paul's

CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday, December 24

10:00 am - Holy Communion (Combined Service)

5:00 pm - Children's Pageant & Holy Communion

8:00 pm - Holy Communion
(Christmas Music & Carols at 7:30 pm)

11:00 pm - Holy Communion
(Christmas Music & Carols at 10:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday, December 25

10:00 am - Holy Communion

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am - Holy Communion

9:15 am - Holy Communion

11:00 am - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
(Child care available at 9:15 am & 11:00 am)



Christmas Gifts for Access

Each year at the 5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service our children bring gifts to the altar after the pageant. These gifts are taken directly after the service to Access, which is a transitional program for homeless and abused women and their children. These gifts are greatly anticipated and appreciated each year. This is a beautiful time to help our children begin to learn about sharing God's love in a concrete way. Simply label the gift with a tag that states the age and gender for which the gift is intended.

Questions? Contact Beth Guenther at bguenther@stpaulsakron.org

Sunday Christian Formation for All Ages

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

Church School Classes, 10:15 am, *Education Wing*. 3 year olds through grade 7.

Youth Forum, 10:15 am, downstairs, *Youth Space*.

Adult Forum, immediately after the 9:15, *G-2/3*.

Today: *Always Proclaiming*, led by *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*.

Coming up:

Dec 24 & 31: *No Forum*.

Significant Small Groups

Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

Tuesday Bible Study resumes January 9

Tuesdays at Noon, *G-4*. Bible study takes a break until Tuesday, January 9.

Last Advent Book Study tomorrow

Monday at 10:00 am, *G-4*. We will be reading the book *"Exploring Advent with Luke"* by Rev. Timothy Clayton. Led by *Rev. Susan Tiffany*.

Today

Adult Forum, immediately after the 9:15 service, *G-2/3*. *Always Proclaiming*, led by *The Rev. Mark Pruitt*.

Pageant Rehearsal & Family Net Christmas Dinner, 4-7:00 pm. *Church & Parish Hall*.

Upcoming Events

Mon, Dec 18 **Advent Book Study**, 10:00 am, *G-4*. We will be reading the book *"Exploring Advent with Luke"* by Rev. Timothy Clayton. Plan on Dec 18 too. Led by *The Rev. Susan Tiffany*.

Tue, Dec 19 **Canceled: Bible Study**, Noon. Bible study takes a break until Tuesday, January 9.

Wed, Dec 20 **Morning Prayer**, 7:00 am, *Chapel*. Meet for worship, then Bible study and donuts!
Holy Eucharist, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*.
Canceled: Community Meal, 6:00 pm.

Fri, Dec 22 **Canceled: Serious Fun Youth Group**, 6-8:00 pm, *Youth Space*. Resumes January 12.

Sat, Dec 23 **Canceled: Holy Eucharist Chapel service**, 5:30 pm.

Sun, Dec 24 **Holy Communion, ONE Combined Service**, 10:00 am, *Church*. (No 8:00 am Chapel service)
Children's Christmas Eve Communion, 5:00 pm, *Church*.
Christmas Eve Communion, 8:00 pm, music begins at 7:30 pm, *Church*.
Christmas Eve Communion, 11:00 pm, music begins at 10:30 pm, *Church*.

Mon, Dec 25 **Christmas Day Communion**, 10:00 am, *Church*.

Tues, Dec 26 *Church is closed*.

Wed, Dec 27 **Canceled: Community Meal**, 6:00 pm.

Sat, Dec 30 **Canceled: Holy Eucharist Chapel service**, 5:30 pm.

Sun, Dec 31 **Holy Eucharist**, 8:00 am, *Chapel*
Holy Eucharist, 9:15 am, *Church*
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, 11:00 am, *Church*.

Mon, Jan 1 *Church is closed*.

Wed, Jan 3 **Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist**, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*. Join us on first Wednesdays of every month for this special service.

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

Current Sermon Series—The Songs of Advent

Stephen Ministry is Recruiting New Members

We are looking for men and women who either have or want to develop a deeper trust in God. Stephen Ministers are not expected to solve their care receivers problems but instead they listen, pray for and with them, and show Christ's love by "showing up." It is a ministry of presence. Care receivers depend on us to listen compassionately without judging, and keep confidential everything that is shared. Would you like to become a member of this ministry? Talk with any of our Stephen Ministers or call Carolyn Chapman 330-604- 1094 or Jean Jones 330-576- 4579.

Bravo to our Wrapped in Prayer knitters!

"Bravo" to our Wrapped in Prayer knitters. In addition to prayer shawls, they have completed over 400 knitted items since November of last year, more than doubling our bicentennial challenge from the diocese. The hats, gloves and scarves will go to three elementary schools, Haven of Rest and the Battered Women's shelter. One of a Kind Pets will receive crate liners for the pets in their care. Our thanks go out to these hard-working women.

Flowers to the Glory of God

Church~ In loving memory of J. Harvey Graves Sr. with love from his family; Patty, Diney, and Mary

Church ~ In loving memory of Betty Harris; given by Tom and Meg Stanton

Church & Chapel ~ In celebration of my twin great-granddaughters Bailey and Brooklyn; given by Nancy Parker.

Altar arrangements are given each week in honor, support, memory, or celebration of someone we love. Many dates in December/January are available. To reserve altar arrangements, contact Julie McFarland at jmcfarland1@neo.rr.com or 330-867-2762.

