

Remember in Prayer

For the family and friends of Becky Hanna, Janet Higgins and Pat Morgan.

For healing and those in need of prayer, Christian, Mark, Barbara, William, John, Anita, Tammy, Helen, Grant and Mary.

Thanksgiving for those serving our country in various capacities around the world.

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

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

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 email her at csearle@stpaulsakron.org to add someone to our prayer list for *three weeks* at a time. (For privacy's sake, please have the person's permission.) **After three weeks**, if you would like to have the person's name remain on the prayer 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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS—fully trained, lay Christians who provide emotional and spiritual care

Followers of St. Stephen journey with those who just need a non-judgmental, caring presence until life becomes less stressful. Know that everything shared is confidential. *To find out more, contact Carolyn Chapman at 330-604-1094, or Jean Jones at 330-573-4579 or talk with any Stephen Minister.*



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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.



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Weekly Bulletin

March 3-4, A Women's Weekend Mark your calendars! Best selling author, Jill Briscoe, will lead the first Women's Weekend at St. Paul's on March 3-4, 2017. Her new book, co-authored with her husband Stuart, Improving with Age: God's Plan for Getting Older and Better is available for purchase at the Front Desk for \$15.

Life Requires a Strategy! (Still open for remaining sessions)

A Mindfulness Course for Stress Reduction, Saturday mornings 10 am – 11:15 am, through **March 11**, lasting eight weeks, led by Eden Kozlowski. Mindfulness is the acquired habit of reducing anxiety, and finding peace and focus – even-joy! – in moment-by-moment living. Millions have been helped by this practice to gain back a measure of centeredness in our busy world. Minimum of 8 to make the course viable. No cost.

New Testament Class **The New Testament** should always be open, and studied! A five-week Monday evening class (through **Feb 20**) on Jesus' earthly ministry, focusing on The Kingdom of God, continues tomorrow at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Sign-up required. No cost.

Let's Talk about Good Books! A **Library Book Group** meets next on **Tuesday, February 21** at 6-7:15 pm to focus on a work by C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters. Meeting every third Tuesday, future books include, The Great Divorce, Surprised by Joy, and Mere Christianity in coming months.

To sign-up for any of the above programs, call the church at 330-836-9327, or email Elizabeth at receptionist@stpaulsakron.org



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 28, 5-7 pm

All are welcome to this annual event leading into the Lenten season, hosted by the Youth. All you can eat fluffy hotcakes, syrup, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, coffee and of course, whipped cream! Volunteers needed.

\$6 per person, Age 5 & under \$3, (\$25 family maximum)

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 6.

Confirmation Class, 10:15am, *2nd Floor, Room 209*. For 7th graders, led by Beth Guenther and Jim Mothersbaugh.

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

Adult Forum, immediately after the 9:15, *G-5*.

Rock & Religion: Social and Moral Issues

TODAY: Rock and Religion: Social and Moral Issues II (Beatles, Joel, etc.)

Feb 26: Rock and Religion: Good Advice (Beatles, D. Henley, etc.)

-All led by The Rev. Paul Gaston

Significant Small Groups

Congregational Vitality

Bagels & The Bible on Tuesday mornings for a six week examination of *The Lord's Prayer*, through *February 21 (no meeting Febrary 14)*. The time is 7:00 to 7:50 am and we have an open, revolving door for participants to attend as many or as few sessions as possible.

Our theme for Lenten Home groups is Discipleship Means This...for five weeks, beginning the week of *March 5, 2017*, small home groups will focus on five features of Christian discipleship.

Plan to join a small group! It will be good for you, and good for us!

Women of St. Paul's!

Jill Briscoe at St. Paul's for a Women's Weekend.
A once in a generation event - sign up today!

Today

Next Family Promise Rotation for St. Paul's, On Mon, Wed, and Fri of this week we will serve the families in need at Fairlawn West United Church of Christ. Contact Cindy McBee if you can help!

Adult Forum, immediately after the 9:15, *G-5*. *Rock & Religion: Social and Moral Issues*

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Upcoming Events

Mon, Feb 20 **New Testament Class**, 7 pm, *Parish Hall*. Sign-up required. *No cost*.

Tue, Feb 21 **Bagels & The Bible**, 7 am, *Rector's Office*. See details to left.

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

Library Book Group, 6-7:15 pm, *Library*. Focusing on The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis.

Wed, Feb 22 **Morning Prayer**, 7 am, *Chapel*. Meet for worship, then Bible study and donuts!

Holy Eucharist, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*.

Community Meal, 6 pm, *Assembly Hall*.

Contemplative Prayer & Compline, 7-8:15 pm, *Library*.

Sun, Feb 26 **Evensong with the Choirs of St. Paul's**, 4 pm, *Church*. Responses by Philip Radcliffe; Evening Service in C by C. V. Stanford; and "They that go down to the sea in ships" by Herbert Sumsion.

Tue, Feb 28 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, 5-7 pm, *Assembly Hall*. \$6 adult, age 5 & under \$3, (\$25 family maximum).

Wed, Mar 1 **Ash Wednesday services** at 7am, Noon, family service at 5:30 pm and 7 pm.

Sun, Apr 2 **Evensong with the St. Catherine's Choir of Women**, 4 pm, *Church*.

Reminder from the Needlework Guild

With all the snow and salt, please don't put your feet on the needlepoint kneelers, *thank you so much*.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Did you know... that a group meets in the Chapel every Wednesday morning at 7 am to say Morning Prayer together, then, for those who can stay, a short conversation about the daily readings, coffee and a doughnut? If you need to go to work that day, please note that we finish by 8 am. *If you would like some prayerful time, study and fellowship mid-week, please join us!*

Flowers to the Glory of God

Church ~ In loving memory of Majorie and James Lawrence; given by Joyce Powell.

Altar arrangements are given each week in honor, support, memory, or celebration of someone we love. Many dates in February/March are available. To reserve altar arrangements, contact Julie McFarland at period9@yahoo.com or 330-867-2762.

