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The Mini-Messenger

News and Highlights

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron

February 2025

The Mini-Messenger is a brief news update sent out in months between our regular full-sized newsletter.

From the Rector

Getting Together: The Annual Meeting

We gather in February, on the 9th, in the Assembly Hall after the 10:00am service to hold our *Annual Meeting*, as required by our bylaws, to do the necessary business of the congregation. We will elect four new vestry members, express our gratitude to the outgoing vestry members, and present the *Spirit of St. Paul's Award*, among other things, all as a means of solidifying our togetherness and furthering our congregational unity and mission. Light refreshments will be served, and we try our best to end the meeting by 12:30pm. Please plan to attend.

Getting Together: A Retreat for Men

We set a deadline of Monday, Feb. 10th to register for the men's retreat in Lent, March 14–16. Research shows that it takes more effort to involve men in the church these days than women, and more effort than in previous generations. This retreat, ideally, will add to our overall ecology here for men, an offering that will focus on the theme *More Confidence, Not More Religiosity*. We are fortunate to have Dave Scavuzzo as part of our leadership team. Brochures, information and registration available at the front desk or online.

Gratefully,
Mark⁺

Stephen Ministry

Riding the Waves of Challenging Times

Remember the story of Jesus calming the waters when the disciples were in the boat and feared the storm? We all try to weather storms, but it's so much easier when we focus on Jesus when trying to master those horrible waves of uncertainty, doubt and fear. Our Stephen Ministers are here to help you see and hear Jesus as you try to maneuver during the storms in your life. Don't think that you are alone and have to try to do it by yourself. St. Paul's has a great group of Stephen Ministers – please reach out to Bonnie Severt at 330-328-2453 or Carrie Searle at the church office at 330-836-9327, ext. 121, if you are going through a rough time and would like someone to be your partner during this time of need.



Dave Scavuzzo on C.S. Lewis

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm in G-4

The Rev. Dave Scavuzzo will lead explorations in developing a scriptural imagination through C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* and selected Scriptures. Please sign up at the Front Desk and pick up the materials. Runs monthly through April.



Men's Lenten Retreat • March 14–16

January is sign up month!

A St. Paul's Men's Retreat will take place at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio in March 2025. Mark Pruitt and Dave Scavuzzo will co-lead. Theme: **“More Confidence, Not More Religiosity.”** Registration is now open. Sign up at the Front Desk or call the church at 330-836-9327.



Join us for the Annual Meeting Sunday, February 9

Join us directly following the 10:00am service in the Assembly Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Plan ahead for Adult Forum

Join us Sundays at 9:00am in the Parish Hall

Feb. 2 – In part 3 of 3, The Rev. Mark Pruitt provides an informative talk on the life, ministry, and martyrdom of Dieterich Bonhoeffer.

Feb. 9 – The Rev. Mark Pruitt, TBD

Feb. 16 – The Rev. Paul Gaston, TBD

Feb. 23 – The Rev. Susan Tiffany on Springs of Living Water

Mar. 2 – The Rev. Mark Pruitt on Our Lenten Program

Join Us for these Upcoming Events

- Sun, Feb 2** **Blood Pressure Checks**, 8:30–10:00am, Family Room. [Monthly](#)
- Mon, Feb 3** **Women's Bible Study**, 10:00am, G-4. [Weekly](#)
Monday Crafters Group, 1:00pm, Family Room. [Weekly](#)
- Tue, Feb 4** **Lunchtime Bible Study**, noon, G-4. [Weekly](#)
The Rev. Dave Scavuzzo on C.S. Lewis, 7:00pm, G-4. [Monthly](#)
- Wed, Feb 5** **Community Meal**, 6:00pm, Assembly Hall. [Weekly](#)
Evening Compline, 7:45pm, Zoom. [Weekly](#)
- Thu, Feb 6** **Healing Service**, noon, Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 6:45–8:15pm, Choir Room. [Weekly](#)
Needlework Guild, 1:00pm, Parish Hall. [2nd & 4th Thursday](#)
- Fri, Feb 7** **Serious Fun for Grades 5-12**, 6:00–8:00pm, Youth Space/Gym. [Weekly](#)
- Sun, Feb 9** **Annual Meeting**, 11:15am, Assembly Hall. Light refreshments served
- Sun, Feb 16** **Wrapped in Prayer Group**, 11:15am, Family Room. [Every third Sunday](#)
- Mon, Feb 17** **President's Day**, Church office closed
- Wed, Mar 5** **Ash Wednesday**, services at 7:00am–Chapel; Noon–Chapel; 5:30pm–Church; 7:00pm–Church
- Sun, Mar 9** **Blood Pressure Checks**, 8:30–10:00am, Family Room. [Monthly](#)
- Mar 14-16** **Men's Lenten Retreat**, Jesuit Center, Parma. Sign up today!
- Sun, Mar 16** **Wrapped in Prayer Group**, 11:15am, Family Room. [Every third Sunday](#)

Healing Service Set for February

Thursday, Feb. 6 at noon, Chapel

Take time away from the busyness and anxieties of daily life by retreating to the beauty and peace of St. Paul's Chapel for a healing service and Eucharist at noon on Thursday, February 6th. Offer your petitions to the Lord for yourself and others then receive healing through His body and blood.

Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am, G-4

The women's weekly Bible study meets at 10:00am in G-4. This is a video series with accompanying workbook titled: *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Workbooks can be ordered from AscensionPress.com

Lenten Study Book

The book, *The Serenity Prayer: A Simple Prayer to Enrich Your Life* by Trevor Hudson, will be the focus of our Lenten study. You will not need the book for the Lenten study, however, if you would like to purchase the book it can be found on Amazon.

Flowers to the Glory of God

Feb. 2

In honor of Kathryn H. Welsh and in memory of Edward I. Hardy; given by William E. Welsh

Feb. 9

In loving memory of Patricia B. Morgan; given by her Family

Feb. 16

In honor of the birthdays of Ann Grebelsky and Sarah Cravens; given by Chip Billow

In loving memory of William M. Maloney; given by Bill and the Family

Feb. 23

In loving memory of Marjorie and James Lawrence, and H.D. (Doug) Lawrence; given by Joyce Powell

In loving memory of Eric Shaffer; given by Becky and Mark Pruitt

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