



Women's Retreat



Trick or Treat!



The Mini-Messenger

News and Highlights

St. Paul's Episcopal Church • Akron, Ohio

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

From the Rector

Hey, Men!

The next quarterly dinner for men is upon us! It's Friday night, November 15th at 6:30pm with a registration deadline of noon on November 11th. Our friend Chris Hancock will be back. He's not to be missed! Nor is this event for we will introduce our plans for 2025 including a Lenten Retreat in March. Sign up! Bring a friend! Be part of the strengthening God has for us.

Warmly,
Mark+

Stephen Ministry

No Need to Go It Alone

We are all part of St. Paul's family. We get to encourage each other as we strive to succeed, and then celebrate the success achieved. We are also here to support each other during life challenges such as health issues, surgeries, job loss, divorce; and mourn and share the grief of losing loved ones. Sometimes we feel so lost and alone and forget that God is with us. Stephen Ministers can provide spiritual support as you go through these challenges in a compassionate, confidential way. They are available for your needs however short or long the time frame.

If you have a need for, or would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please give Stephen Leader Bonnie Severt a call at 330-328-2453.



Special Guest Speaker in November for two events:
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Hancock



Men's Quarterly Dinner
Friday, Nov. 15, Parish Hall, 6:30pm
What happens when we say Yes to God in Christ?

A long-term friend of St. Paul's, Chris Hancock will share with us what comes into play as we continually live out our motto "Say Yes to God," the importance of obedience—the struggles, the joys, the challenges, and how the need for God's help are daily realities for the earnest disciple. Sign up at the Front Desk, or online.

A Leadership Talk: What Would You Say To Us?
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Hancock

Saturday, Nov. 16, Parish Hall, 9:30am

Drawing on his lifetime of experience, across the globe, in the church, behind the scenes, Chris will talk--heart to heart, faith speaking to faith--about how we might understand and live out our mission in light of the challenges that face us. As ever, he will bring not just a wealth of experience, but pastoral warmth and solid convictions with him. This will be profitable for Vestry members, and all who lead or take part in the ministries here. Sign up please! Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

About our speaker: Chris is the Founding Director of *Oxford House Research Group* which focuses on 'culture, ethics, and religion in contemporary geopolitics.' He is a trained theologian, previously a *Professor of Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary*, formerly Dean of Bradford Cathedral and, before that, *Vicar of Holy Trinity Cambridge*.

St. Paul's Women Gather for Spiritual Retreat

"Restful." "Blessed by the women and this place." "A time of healing." These comments were made by some of the 20 women from St. Paul's who gathered at Loyola Retreat House in Clinton for a spiritual retreat at the end of September. The weekend was full of opportunities to pray together, and to reflect on the powerful testimonies from speakers about their journey with Jesus, the Light of the world. The women also enjoyed a sacred art meditation on William Holman Hunt's 19th century painting, "Jesus, the Light of the World" as imagined from Revelation 3.20. The retreat also gave the women time for relaxed hikes on prayer trails, and meditation at the outdoor stations of the Cross.



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Plan ahead for these November Events

- Sun, Nov 3** **All Saints' Day**
Art Show Reception, following the 10:00am service, Parish Hall
- Mon, Nov 4** **Women's Bible Study**, 10:00am, G-4. **Weekly**
Monday Crafters Group, 1:00pm, Family Room. **Weekly**
- Tue, Nov 5** **Lunchtime Bible Study**, noon, G-4. **Weekly**
The Rev. Dave Scavuzzo on C.S. Lewis, 7:00pm, G-4. **Monthly**
- Wed, Nov 6** **Community Meal**, 6:00pm, Assembly Hall. **Weekly**
Evening Compline, 7:45pm, Zoom. **Weekly**
- Thu, Nov 7** **Healing Service**, noon, Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 6:45–8:15pm, Choir Room. **Weekly**
- Fri, Nov 8** **Serious Fun for students Grades 5-12**, 6:00–8:00pm, Youth Space/Gym. **Weekly**
- Sun, Nov 10** **Harvest Sunday**, please bring your pledge cards
Blood Pressure Checks, 8:30–10:00am, Family Room. **Monthly**
- Thu, Nov 14** **Needlework Guild**, 1:00pm, Parish Hall. **2nd & 4th Thursday**
- Fri, Nov 15** **Men's Dinner w/ The Rev. Dr. Chris Hancock**, , 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Sat, Nov 16** **A Leadership Talk w/ The Rev. Dr. Chris Hancock**, 9:30am, Parish Hall
- Sun, Nov 17** **Wrapped in Prayer Group**, 11:15am, Family Room. **Every third Sunday**
Choral Evensong at St. Andrew's, Barberton, St. Paul's choir to sing, 4:00pm
- Wed, Nov 27** *No Community Meal*
- Th,F, Nov 28,29** **Church office closed for Thanksgiving**

Come to the Chapel for a Healing Service

Sometimes we need a quiet place to go where we know the Lord is present, a place that for decades has been bathed in prayer. That place at St. Paul's is our chapel. We will gather there to offer thanks and praise to the Lord, and to pray for His touch upon us at a healing service on **Thursday, Nov. 7th at noon**. We will pray for ourselves and others, and we will receive strength from the Holy Spirit to persevere through the things that trouble us.

Christmas Carnival

Family Net will host a Christmas Carnival on **Sunday, Dec. 8th** in the Assembly Hall (Gym) 4–6pm. There will be games, a cookie walk, hot chocolate and Santa!



Year-End Giving Reminder – Expect Post Office Delays!

Please NOTE! Due to audit requirements, donations are tax-deductible for 2024 IF they are POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DEC. 31, 2024. Donations postmarked AFTER DEC. 31 WILL BE APPLIED TO 2025, REGARDLESS OF CHECK DATE. To allow the finance office adequate time for processing before year-end, donations by check, cash, and stock shares must be received by NOON on Monday, Dec. 16th. Please consider hand-delivering your contributions to the Finance Office, or if mailing, allow 7-10 days prior to ensure timely delivery. OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

STOCK TRANSFERS – Please have your broker send stock shares by Dec. 9th—EARLIER IS BETTER!

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