

April 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

# The Messenger

**"I don't believe we've met..."**

**How to make St. Paul's the most welcoming congregation**  
Reflections by The Rev. Lou Hays

Our Vision is for St. Paul's to be the most welcoming congregation in the South Hills for all generations. The most important person in making St. Paul's the most welcoming congregation is not the rector, not the staff, not the ushers, and not the greeters. The most important person is you! I would like to share suggestions as to how every parishioner can help fulfill our Vision.

- Please purchase and wear a St. Paul's nametag whenever you come to church. Keeping it in your car may increase the likelihood that you'll remember it. Use the form on the last page of this issue to order nametags.
- Smile and say hello to everyone you encounter at St. Paul's, even if you're just walking by someone, and whether you know the person or not.
- This may be the most important thing you can do. Commit to introducing yourself to one person you don't know, each week. Over the course of a year you'll meet many people, some of whom will be newcomers. Some churches have what they call a ten-minute rule. For the first ten minutes after church, they do not speak with anyone they know, just those they don't know. This guarantees that newcomers will be greeted, and everyone will get to know each other.

### Making new friends

Stepping out of your comfort zone and introducing yourself to someone you don't know can be challenging,

particularly if, like me, you tend to be somewhat introverted. But I encourage you to do so. Here are a couple of tips for greeting people at St. Paul's who you don't recognize:

- Please don't say, "Hi, I'm Suzy Smith, are you new to St. Paul's?" The response may be, "No, actually I've been worshiping here my entire life." (In a large congregation with several services, it's impossible to recognize and know everyone.)
- Please do say something like, "Hi, I'm Suzy Smith, I don't believe we've met." With luck, the person's response will let you know whether they are new or not. The response might be something like, "I'm Mary Jones. I usually go to the 8 o'clock service." Or, "I'm Mary Jones, and it's my first time here."

If the person is not a newcomer, then you have helped to build more community among the current members of the parish. Perhaps you'll discover in further conversation with this individual that you have things in common, and your circle of friends will expand. If the person is a newcomer, you now have a wonderful opportunity to welcome and connect the individual to St. Paul's, and increase the likelihood that the individual will return and become a member.

### Newcomers

Once a person has been identified as a newcomer (either a first time visitor or someone who has been here before but

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**The most welcoming congregation in the South Hills for all generations.**

# The Rev. Mabel Fanguy: Worship in Scarcity and Abundance

Last month David and I had the opportunity to go on a vacation that I had always dreamed about. We took a cruise from San Diego to the Mexican Ports of Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco. We made several other stops as well. During the trip we met many wonderful people from all around the world. Most of them were retired, at the point in life where they were reflecting on the life thus far lived. There we were in the height of elegance, visiting ports that exhibited both extremes of poverty and lavish living. We saw shoeless children running in the water, trying to catch crabs for their supper and fishing boats lined up with the night's catch awaiting sale. We saw dirt streets and cardboard homes, and we also saw mansions sitting up on the hillsides, their windows mirroring the beautiful sunlight. There were brilliant flowers, and children with extended, hungry stomachs.

How do we reconcile all this inequality with a God whose love is immeasurable for both the rich and poor? I suppose this question has weighed on the hearts of Christians forever. Life does not always seem at all fair—that is if you judge life by the possessions that one has. I believe that God looks at our lives more from the perspective of who and how we love rather than what we own.

Two incidents from the trip stand out. David and I were walking along a rough stone pathway at one of the smaller ports. We had walked quite a distance with the splashing waves right by our side. In the attempt to seek some shade we decided to go inland a block or so to walk back to the ship. We rounded a corner and saw a bar, not much of anything really, a few chairs, a serving

bar, aluminum poles covered with tarps, electric wires crisscrossing overhead, dirt floors. In this place there was a worship service in progress. There were men, women and children, all raising their voices in songs praising God. It was crowded, not enough room for another person to enter, and quite a few people were standing around in the street listening. Continuing our walk we saw rags of colorful laundry hanging on lines between trees, chickens noisily roaming, shacks streaked with poverty, children playing, laughing.

Another special moment on our trip was inside the cruise ship. The ship had a beautiful center courtyard that went up seven or so floors. From each floor you could look down at the beautiful plants and waterfalls, and graceful chandeliers. There was a musician, a classical guitarist, who played at various times. His music was holy. I can't think of any other word to describe it. It was all instrumental, no words but straight from his heart. As he played he would shut his eyes and enter the music. One night rather late David and I and this musician were alone in the courtyard. He asked me what I would like to hear. I asked if he would play *Amazing Grace*. He started playing ever so softly and played on and on with more passion and feeling with each verse. In this truly magnificent setting the three of us were united in breath taking worship.

Worship is something all can do. In it are no barriers of language, or culture, scarcity or abundance. Worship in its most simple definition is expressing our love towards God. Worship happens in church, it happens in our homes, it can happen anywhere when we turn our hearts towards God. I pray that in this season of Easter we will all find our worship refreshed and our souls made complete in our loving God.

*Mabel+*

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bar, aluminum poles covered with tarps, electric wires

Mark your calendars for  
**RENEW: the Green VBS**  
July 12 - 16, afternoons

And for a sneak peak, stop by our VBS table  
at Mt. Lebanon's celebration of

**Earth Day**

**Saturday, April 24**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



# The Rev. Kris Opat: Refuge @ St. Paul's

Of the many wonderful new developments that have grown out of *Vision 15* and perhaps the one I am most excited about is the proposal for a new Sunday evening service. St. Paul's offers such a wide variety of services and activities and I am so encouraged that we are interested in offering even more ways to engage our surrounding community.

Our plan is to pioneer a creative, contemplative, and multi-sensory worship experience called *Refuge @ St. Paul's*. The service will include many creative elements to engage all of the senses enhancing the overall worship experience. Here is a brief description of what we envision...

Imagine walking into the church on a Sunday evening. The setting sun is trickling through the stained glass. The lights are off, but there are candles spread around the nave and chancel offering a warm inviting light. A greeter hands you a bulletin and you catch the faint aroma of rich incense as you find your seat. You look up and see a projection of a painting of Jesus seemingly floating in the air above the table set for the Eucharist.

The silence is broken by the music team that has begun a haunting arrangement of one of your favorite hymns. After a few minutes the music softens, the celebrant enters and the liturgy begins. After the sermon and the Nicene Creed you are invited to come forward and light a candle during the Prayers of the People. After you return to your seat you see the scores of candles burning as symbols of the prayers of the entire congregation.

You are invited to the table to join in the bread and the wine of the Eucharist and for a short while are encouraged to either kneel in prayer before the high altar, meditate before a few bible verses spread around the chancel, add a few strokes to a community painting at a nearby worship station, or simply return to the pews for quiet meditation while the music team plays in the background.

Worship concludes with a dismissal from the celebrant. In the hour or so since you entered the church you have worshipped the Lord in a way that is truly unique to our community and yet remains fully committed to our Episcopal heritage.

We hope that *Refuge @ St. Paul's* will offer an inviting place for both those who would not normally darken the door of the Church as well as those who have worshipped faithfully all their lives. We understand that this will not appeal to everyone and it is not intended to do so, but we are striving to create a space that is attractive to the many youth and young adults of our city while being relevant to all.

The plan is to launch this fall, but this is dependent upon raising the funds and recruiting the volunteers necessary to bring *Refuge @ St. Paul's* to life. We are seeking a significant grant from the diocese that we hope will fund the 2010 expenses and will be looking for volunteers soon. If this is something that excites you and you would like to help out financially and/or by volunteering please contact me at [kris@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:kris@stpaulspgh.org) or 412-531-7153 x35.

*Kris+*

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**Attention all runners, joggers, walkers AND anyone who is interested in supporting them:**



On, Saturday, April 10, starting at 8:30 a.m., lots of folks, including some parishioners, will be moving past our front door as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Martha's Run. Let's support our friends, neighbors and this great cause by manning a water station in front of the church!

Volunteers are needed to hand out cups of water, to throw away used cups and, most of all, to cheer and support the runners! Let's show the community how welcoming we can be! If you would like to help, please email [lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org). Families of St. Paul's runners are especially encouraged to participate!

# Youth Happenings

## Children & Youth Events

As April is upon us it is a time of celebration. After 40 days the season of Lent comes to an end and we begin the Easter season! With this new season, it also means that we are one step closer to summer and the annual Mission Trip. The mission trip may be the event that everyone focuses on, and perhaps the most memorable, but before we can go on the mission trip, preparations must be made. Many phone conversations are had, emails are sent back and forth, conversations take place, and let us not forget about the fundraisers.

The fundraisers are wonderful events that are thoughtfully planned out and experienced. On the surface the necessity of fundraising is quite clear: raise money to help cover the various costs associated with the trip. However there are other reasons we have the fundraisers. For one, they allow us, the missionaries, to offer services or opportunity of fellowship to the parish community. They also give parishioners the chance to get involved with the mission trip. Not everyone may have the time or desire to take a week away from their regular, comfortable life to spend it with teenagers. Yet many still want to contribute to a wonderful outreach opportunity. Perhaps what I believe to be the most important reason for these fundraisers is to draw the group closer together in many ways: it draws the missionaries together before they leave for a week of service and it brings together the parish community, rallying us together for a single cause. Any way you look at it, fundraisers are a wonderful opportunity to become involved.

A new fundraiser that we will be doing in April is going to **Peace, Love, and Little Donuts**. This is a donut shop in the Strip District that works with groups (like us) and allows us to use their facility to sell their donuts. The owner fronts all the costs and we provide the workers. After talking to the owner, he had one suggestion to make this fundraiser really successful: get the word out to everyone! So tell your family, friends, and co-workers that there will be delicious donuts available for purchase at Peace, Love, and Little Donuts on Sunday, April 11 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the mission trip. Peace, Love, and Little Donuts is located at 2018 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15222. I hope you will join us at Peace, Love, and Little Donuts where, as they say you can “feed your inner hippie” and support our missionaries! In Christ, *Steven Hill*

### 4 - Easter Day

9:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt in St. Margaret's Garden  
No Sunday School

### 5 - Monday: NO Jr. EYC

### 7 - Wednesday: NO Sr. EYC

### 11 - Sunday

8:45 service - Scout Sunday II  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Mandatory Mission Trip meeting @ Youth Forum  
11:00 am - Youth LEM training  
12:00 noon - Peace, Love & Little Donuts

### 12 - Monday, 6:00 pm: Jr. EYC

### 14 - Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Sr. EYC

### 17 - Saturday, 8:00 am:

7<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation retreat to Jumonville

### 18 - Sunday

9:30 am - Sunday School/No Youth Forum  
Confirmation class returns from Jumonville

### 19 - Monday, 6:00 pm: Jr. EYC

### 21 - Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Sr. EYC

### 23 - Friday, 8:00 pm: Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

### 24 - Saturday, 12:00 pm: Youth Leadership Day

### 25 - Sunday

8:45 service - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Instructed Eucharist  
9:30 am - Sunday School/Youth Forum  
6:00 pm - Jr. EYC Trade-Up Event

### 26 - Monday, 6:00 pm: Jr. EYC

### 28 - Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Sr. EYC

## Support Mission Trip 2010



by purchasing donuts at

**Peace, Love & Little Donuts**

at 2018 Smallman St. in the Strip

**Sunday, April 11**

**12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.**



### Scout Sunday II

8:45 Service  
April 11, 2010



All current and former Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (youth and adult) are invited! This event is a make-up event for our first Scout Sunday which was largely snowed out (except for a few really hardy Scouts). Wear your uniform! All youth Scouts will be recognized with a patch!

# Children's Ministry

## Prodigals and Prodigies

There are many Bible stories and parables that admittedly lose a little in translation when presented to a modern reader. What do I know about vineyards? I get the gist of the lessons, but the examples are not always familiar to me. I think some stories probably packed more of a punch when told to a Biblical-era audience.

One story, however, still rings true: the Prodigal Son. In a recent sermon, The Rev. Mabel did justice to the exuberantly grateful father who runs to welcome home his wayward son, calling for a celebration. Any parent who has in horror watched a child's downward spiral can relate. Finally! The kid is back on the right path! Kill the fatted calf, we're going to Disney World!

But the character who really intrigues me is the brother, the older son, the "good" son. Even after a millennium has passed, his words make it clear that some things never change. "You have never given me even a young goat to share with my friends!" sounds an awful lot like a modern teenager's, "My brother gets an Xbox and I don't even get an iPhone!"

Hmmm. Frighteningly familiar to many of us. And yet, as appalled as we are by the brother's resentful behavior (and our own children's selfishness), as parents, our main focus is to make sure our children are not prodigal. What was true back then is even more relevant now - none of us want to see our children descend into a nightmare of debauchery or addiction. "Talk to your kids" and "Just say no" - we repeat these mantras to ourselves and our children, hoping and praying that somehow they sink in. Schools, law enforcement officials, public service announcements, all reinforce the same message. Thankfully many children hear and heed it. For those who don't, we help them find the support and treatment they need, ever striving to bring them back to a wholesome life.

But as much as we can and should help our children avoid the big pitfalls, how do we teach our children to unequivocally and unflinchingly love and forgive their sometimes wayward siblings? How do we nip the daily pettiness, bickering and jealousies in the bud? How do we mold positive sibling relationships based on love and not resentment while our children are still young? I think it is important to do so. I've seen some parents dismiss sibling rivalries with the explanation, "all kids bicker." True, but it is still our job as parents to redirect their emotions and help them resolve their conflicts. Anyone who has ever watched adult siblings battle until all familial bonds are broken knows there is value in forcing kids to learn to compromise when they're young. It's relatively easy to resolve a child's jealousy over a toy or gift. It's another

thing to resolve responsibility for elderly relatives or the division of family assets.

I don't profess to have all the solutions, but looking at Jesus' teaching, I see so much wisdom in the father's responses to both of his sons. He seems to give each child exactly what they need: the Prodigal gets an opulent celebration and the elder son gets quiet, unwavering support. The father does not berate the young son for his misdeeds, nor does he berate the older son for his bitterness. The father doesn't entirely let the older son off the hook - he specifically counsels him to celebrate the return of the wayward brother. And to the younger son, the father refrains from citing the older son as a contrasting model of good behavior. Most importantly, the father never waivers in his expectation of love between the two brothers. In short, he does not treat the brothers identically, yet still treats them equitably and with love.

How can we do this on a day-to-day basis with our own kids? It's a lot of little things like:

- spending time with each child individually,
- telling children that they should be happy for the good that befalls their siblings, and support it with action: such as not buying token gifts for a birthday child's sibling, even though it might mean disappointment,
- identifying the unique strengths of each child to the entire family, i.e., conveying that everyone has something at which they are "the best" as well as pointing out the unique weaknesses each has,
- not using one child's behavior as an example - good or bad - to their siblings,
- not asking siblings to take responsibility for the behavior of one another, and
- insisting that name-calling, teasing, and physical violence are not acceptable behaviors.

As always, it's never easy and there are no guarantees. There are times when it seems that all of our nagging falls on deaf ears and it would be easier to simply throttle our bickering offspring. There is very little immediate gratification in the tougher aspects of parenting - children provide slim feedback that any tactic is actually working. Like so many worthwhile things, it becomes a matter of faith that the efforts we make now will pay off when we are gone and our children are grown. But, like the Biblical father of the two sons, we have to do the best we can with our prodigals and our prodigies, giving each love and support so that they might become the brothers and sisters God calls them to be to one another.

Keep the faith,  
*Lisa Brown*

# Capital Campaign Plans

The Vestry and Clergy of St. Paul's are evaluating plans for a Capital Campaign for our parish. The idea behind a Capital Campaign is to raise funds that will be used primarily right here in our own parish - mostly for the building and grounds, but also for other projects that will enable us to be a beacon of light to everyone in the South Hills and beyond. As we move forward, part of the process is to identify those areas of the greatest need. Those items which we feel will make *Vision 15* a reality include:

- Paying off the principal on our current loans for the organ and roof
- Repairs to the upper Mayfair entrance
- A new sound system
- New doors, including improved handicap accessibility
- HVAC improvements, including the choir practice room
- New lighting, including more energy efficient bulbs
- Improved exterior and interior signage
- Power washing the exterior of the church
- Maintenance/repairs to the stained glass windows
- Improving space configuration of the Parish Hall
- Programs (children, youth, music)
- Outreach
- Endowment

We will need input and buy-in from everyone in the parish to make this campaign a success. Updates will be made as we progress through this process. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members listed below with any ideas you have that will make our building, grounds, or ourselves more welcoming (have to add this – *for all generations!*)

Carl Kylander      Jim Frantz  
 Ell Vines          John Adams  
 Lou Hays+

<b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b>				
<b>Statement of Operations</b>			<b>Year-to-</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Stewardship		\$47,697	\$107,156	\$673,500
Worship		915	1,531	31,000
Property		2,547	4,921	22,500
Interest		0	0	15,000
Total		\$51,159	\$113,608	\$742,000
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Stewardship		\$106	\$106	\$2,000
Spiritual Growth		0	0	1,000
Worship		371	527	17,000
Outreach		7,112	13,351	74,240
Fellowship		(108)	(385)	1,000
Pastoral		11	23	1,000
Communications		38	82	5,000
Property		10,766	20,170	96,000
Personnel		40,985	84,382	506,815
Executive		1,310	6,204	38,400
Total		\$60,591	\$124,460	\$742,455
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>		<b>(\$9,432)</b>	<b>(\$10,852)</b>	<b>(\$455)</b>
<b>less: debt principal payment</b>		<b>(1,423)</b>	<b>(2,838)</b>	<b>(17,619)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$10,855)</b>	<b>(\$13,690)</b>	<b>(\$18,074)</b>



## Saturday, May 1 Spring Clean-Up

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Please come for any amount of time!  
Bring a pair of work gloves if you have them!**

**Thank you for your efforts to keep St. Paul's looking GOOD!**



# What is Christian Formation & Why Is it Important?

“All Christians should be in a process of **Formation**. We used to refer to this as Christian Education, but it is much more than learning about the Bible, Prayer Book and Church History. And it is not just for children! *Formation* is more like the image of the clay pot from Isaiah: ‘. . . we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.’ (Isaiah 64:8). Throughout our lives we are always learning about our faith, but we are also practicing our faith in things we do and words we say. Formation is the way we link belief and practice. It is the way we continually learn and refine what it means to be God’s work of art.” (reprinted from *The Anglican Digest*, Spring 2010)

There are many opportunities at St. Paul’s for Christian Formation. Sunday School and confirmation for children and youth, Sunday morning programs for adults, and the *Wednesdays at St. Paul’s* series throughout the school year on Wednesday evenings are prime examples. And as part of *Vision 15* we will be developing a new small group ministry that will help people grow in their spiritual journey. In the same way that most of us don’t finish our formal education as young teenagers, but continue through high school, often college, and various forms of life-long learning, so should our Christian learning and development not end as young teenagers either. As our Mission Statement says, “*We offer a refuge where people of all ages can learn and grow spiritually in their relationship with God.*” By participating in Christian Formation activities we grow in our knowledge and love of God and demonstrate our commitment to our Mission. Lou+

## New Wednesday Evening Discussion Series in April

### The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully

#### Parish Update

##### Birth Announcements

**Kasimir Marek Witold Rybka**

*grandson of parishioners Jim & Pat Eagon Stafford*

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

##### Wedding Announcements

**Toni Renee Krenn & Eric Joseph Krol**

Saturday, February 27, 2010

##### Death Announcements

**Barbara Patton**

*Parishioner and mother of Nancy Patton*


Friday, February 26, 2010

**Ann Kellander**

*Parishioner and wife of Don Kellander*

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Are you retired or thinking about retirement? Do you have a family member who is older? Are you getting older? If so, come and join in the conversation about the joys, challenges and purpose of life as we search for new life, an Easter life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will use as our guide the book by Joan Chittister entitled *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*. Joan is a Benedictine nun, author and spiritual leader. It will be helpful but not required to read the book as we move through the program. The book may be purchased through your favorite bookstore or on-line bookseller. The program begins on Wednesday, April 14 and ends on Wednesday, May 26. The evening begins with a meal at 6:30 and ends no later than 8:30 p.m. Please join us, and “let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” (BCP 280)



# Music Notes from Doug Starr

## Duruflé Requiem—Saturday, April 17

April is Spring! Our spirits and bodies are revived from the recent cold and harsh winter and our souls are accepted by God through the Easter Resurrection. Our music in April will reflect the Passion and Resurrection of Christ in our liturgies and we have a very special concert in store for parish and community.

On Saturday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Chancel Choir will be joined by the choirs of Slippery Rock University in a performance of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*. Directed by Dr. Stephen Barr, of Slippery Rock and accompanied by a small orchestra and organ, this concert will also feature Duruflé motets sung by members of the Slippery Rock Choir and a mini organ recital by Dr. Richard Elliott, Principal Organist of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. As Principal Tabernacle Organist, Elliott performs tours and records with the Choir. He also plays for the weekly *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcasts and joins with his fellow organists in presenting daily 30-minute organ recitals in the Tabernacle. In addition, Elliott performs widely as an organ recitalist and has recorded on the Tabernacle organ for several record labels. We are delighted to have Richard with us on April 17! We need your help in providing overnight housing for several Slippery Rock students who will sing at the concert on Saturday and again on Sunday morning at the 10:30 liturgy. If you can help, please contact Leslie Marino at 412-561-4895.

As you may know, St. Paul's is planning a new, innovative Sunday evening liturgy that is multi-sensory, interdisciplinary (art and music), contemplative, interactive, yet anchored in the Book of Common Prayer. This new liturgy will require a Music Leader who will also re-establish a children's choir for the 10:30 liturgy and give general assistance elsewhere. All these efforts are part of *Vision 15*, our parish planning process.

Very early in May, on Sunday, May 2, at 4:00 p.m., we present the final concert in our series, an Organ Recital by renowned organist Alfred Fedak. Mr. Fedak is Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York and also Chapel Organist at the Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, and accompanist for the Burnt Hills (NY) Oratorio Society. His recital will include his own compositions.

*Douglas Starr, Director of Music & Arts*

## Operation Doughnut Update:

Thanks for your Support! Because of your generosity, Operation Doughnut has been able to replace ALL worn, nicked and cracked tables. Operation Doughnut has purchased 6 card tables with 4 more on order.

Because of your generosity Operation Doughnut costs the church NOTHING. We purchase doughnuts, bagels and supplies with money given through sponsors.

To be a sponsor, which is tax deductible, we ask for \$40. Checks or cash can be given to Karen Viggiano. Without sponsorship, we use the money collected on Sunday and purchasing items will just take a little longer. So, if you can, dig into your pockets a little deeper and keep Operation Doughnut on its mission: to have fellowship and help St. Paul's in its small but delicious way.

*Karen Viggiano*

# April Announcements

Remember: Saturday 6pm Services will return to Old St. Luke's on April 10!

## Wednesday Evening Easter Discussion Series:

### The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully

Please come and join in the conversation about the joys, challenges and purpose of life as we search for new life, an Easter life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The program begins on Wednesday, April 14 and ends on Wednesday, May 26. The evening begins with a meal at 6:30 and ends no later than 8:30 p.m.

**No Cornerstone in April**—Since Easter is the first Sunday in April, we will not be meeting this month. Please join us for one of our wonderful Easter morning services on April 4.

**Easter is Food Pantry Weekend, April 3 and 4**, As you prepare to come to Easter services, remember the South Hills Food Pantry. Bring your non-perishable items to the altar at the service of your choice on Easter week-end. The pantry is no longer accepting glass jars or any baby products. All non-perishable food items are welcome, but boxed potatoes, cans of stew, chili, cream soups, and evaporated milk are some of the special needs. Paper products are most welcome. Thank you for your past support.

**St. Paul's Wednesday Morning Bible** will continue on Wednesday, April 7 with our study on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We meet on most Wednesdays, at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome. Please note—there will be no Bible study on Wednesday, April 21.

**Refuge** – We will meet on Wednesdays at Bado's on Beverley at 6:30 p.m. (ask for Fr. Opat's group). If you or someone you know is interested in Refuge or if you have any questions please contact the Rev. Kris Opat at kris@stpaulspgh.org or 412.531.7153 x35. Please note—we will not be meeting on Wednesday, April 21.

**Lydia Circle, Thursday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.** - Please join us! All are welcome!

**Book Club meets Friday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Lounge. The book is *Monongahela Dusk* by John Hoerr. Our May selection is *Home* by Marilynne Robinson.

**Mission Trip Meeting**—On Sunday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a mission trip meeting in the church. At this meeting we will be handing out a packet of information containing details about pricing, the agenda, and other important paperwork. If you are going on the mission trip this meeting is MANDATORY.

**Pickwick Boys' Luncheon** will be held at Al's Cafe on Thursday, April 15. Please call your host, Al Plantz with any questions.

**The Dickens' Dames Luncheon** will be held on April 22, at 12:30 p.m., at Bravo's. For reservations, call Josie Harmon.

**Canterbury Fair Workshops begin on Wednesday, April 28** at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. Join us for fellowship and crafting fun as we glue, sew, knit and create items for our next fair. Any questions, call Phyllis Savatt at 412-833-4106.

**Pastoral Care 24/7 Hotline Reminder**—In the event of an pastoral emergency such as serious illness, injury or death, call 412-337-7667, day or night, seven days a week. The clergy person on call will either answer or return your call as soon as possible.

**Opportunities and Experiences in Mission**— Join us for Adult Education during the month of April at 9:30 a.m. in the back of the Parish Hall. Pat Hurd will share further stories of her trip to Uganda to work with the Blessed Mustard Seed Babies Home; and Ian Nettleship will speak on his experiences with Engineers Without Borders in South East Asia. Watch your bulletin and parish email for the dates and details.

**Operation Donut is seeking weekly sponsors.** The sponsor donation is \$40 and helps to defray the costs of donuts, bagels, cream cheese, etc. If you need more information or are willing to be a sponsor please contact Karen Viggiano at 412-563-3937 or viggiano5@verizon.net. Thanks for all who have donated in the past. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Renew** is planning to attend the Jude Pohl musical production of *GI Jukebox in the 40's Stagedoor Canteen*, featuring music from the 1940's, on Sunday, May 23. The show will be held at the Crowne Plaza Cabaret Dinner Theater on Fort Couch Road across from South Hills Village. Dinner will be served at 4:30 with the show following at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$38.00, and reservations need to be made by Sunday, May 2. Call Sandy Ludman at 412-564-5599.

**Relieve, Recover, Rebuild!**—Haiti still needs our help, and the EYC wants to help out! The bracelets are now available for purchase. For a small donation you can purchase a relieve, recover, rebuild Haiti relief bracelet from any youth. All proceeds benefit Haiti.

**Shepherd's Heart is looking for a grill.** Planning to replace your old charcoal grill? Consider donating it to Shepherd's Heart. Our next meal there will be a cookout, so it will be put to good use!

**New in the church library:** *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom. *Have a Little Faith* begins with an unusual request: an eighty-two-year-old rabbi from Albom's old hometown asks Albom to deliver his eulogy. Albom insists on understanding the man better which throws him back into a world of faith he'd left years ago.

**Used tables for sale, \$10.** As we slowly but surely replace our tables in the Parish Halls, the older ones are available for parishioners to purchase. If you are interested, please see Vlad.



## Adult confirmation or being received into the Episcopal Church—

Bishop Price will be visiting on Sunday, May 2. He will be confirming many of our young people at the 10:30 service. Any adult who is interested in being confirmed, received, or reaffirming their baptismal vows at that service should notify the Rector immediately in order to participate in the necessary instruction and preparation.

Please call or email the Rev. Lou Hays at 412-531-7153 or Lou@stpaulspgh.org.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2010</h1>						
<b>4 Easter Day</b> 6:30am Sunrise Svc—OSL 8:45am HE 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:45am HE 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>5 Easter Monday</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 6:30pm SHC	<b>6</b> 8:00am \$ Counters 9:00am CBS 10:00am HDM 1:30pm Staff Mtng 7:00pm STM 8:00pm Al-Anon StepStones	<b>7</b> 9:15am WBS 10:30am IP 11:00am HE Chapel 7:00pm EFM 7:00pm Cap Campaign Comm	<b>8</b> 10:00am Lydia Circle 7:00pm Puris of Wisdom Knit Fellowship 7:00pm Cap Campaign Comm 7:00pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm WFS 7:30pm Mood Support 7:30pm ChC	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Book Club	<b>10</b> 8:30am SBS 8:30am Martha's Run 10:00am B-day party 6:00pm HE OSL 7:00pm Cotillion
<b>11 Scout Sunday II</b> 8:00am HE Chapel 8:45am HE/Scout Medals 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am CF Hour 9:30am Mission Trip Mtng 10:30am HE 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Youth LEM Training 12:00pm Peace, Love, Donuts 1:00pm SHC	<b>12</b> 8:00am \$ Counters 10:00am Mon Painters 3:30pm GS #50740 6:00pm JR EYC 6:30pm SHC 7:00pm Comm Night 7:00pm Cap Campaign Comm 7:00pm Exec Comm 7:00PM DOK/Pastoral Care	<b>13</b> 9:00am CBS 10:00am HDM 1:30pm Staff Mtng 7:00pm STM Training 8:00pm Al-Anon StepStones	<b>14</b> 9:15am WBS 10:30am IP 11:00am HE Chapel 6:30pm Wed @ SiP's 6:30pm Refuge: Bado's 7:00pm EFM 7:00pm Sr EYC	<b>15 Messenger Deadline</b> 10:00am ECW Board Mtng 12:30pm Pickwick Boys Al's Cafe 7:00pm WFS 7:00pm Recital & Compline 7:30pm NS Board Mtng 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Durufle Rehearsal	<b>17 7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> <b>Confirmation Retreat</b> 8:30am SBS 11:00am Durufle Rehearsal 3:00pm Durufle Dinner 4:00pm Baptism Prep 6:00pm HE OSL 7:00pm Durufle Performance
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**ABBREVIATIONS**  
CF—Christian Formation  
ChC—Chancel Choir  
CBS—Community Bible Study  
DOK—Daughters of the King  
EFM—Education for Ministry  
FV—Friendship Village  
HDM—Home Delivered Meals  
HE—Holy Eucharist  
IP—Intercessory Prayer  
NS—Nursery School  
OSL—Old St. Luke's  
SBS—Saturday Bible Study  
SHC—South Hills Chorale  
STM—Stephen Ministry  
WBS—Wednesday Bible Study  
WFS—Women for Sobriety

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is not yet connected), there are a variety of opportunities and goals for relating to the individual. First and foremost, we want the newcomer to feel welcome and comfortable, and to know that we're happy that the person is here. It's helpful to try to determine whether the person is a one-time out-of-town visitor, or is church-shopping. In other words, is there potential for the person to return and ultimately become a member, or is this a one-time occasion? We want our one-time-only visitors to have a great time and go home and tell their friends about us, but we don't need to worry about getting contact information from them.

If this is a potential returnee, it's very important to get contact information. There are visitors' cards in the pews. Invite the person to fill out a card. It can be placed in the offering plate, or given to a member of the clergy, or anyone can take it to the office. Without contact information (name, address, phone and email), it's impossible to follow up. Please introduce the newcomers to the clergy if you have the opportunity.

### Newcomers with children

Many people come to St. Paul's looking for Sunday school for their children. We have Sunday school for children from age three through high school. If the children appear to be age 3 or older, you can help the family find or learn about Sunday school at St. Paul's. If the family is at the 8:45 service, you can offer to take them to the right classroom, or find a Sunday school parent who can take them. If they are at the 10:30 service, you can let them know that we have Sunday school at 9:30 and that, if they wish, they can come earlier next week. If you see Lisa Brown, Steve Hill, or Rini Choura, please try to introduce the family to them. They can help with getting the children to Sunday school and/or answer questions about Sunday school.

### Coffee hour tips

If you meet a newcomer or visitor in the church, please offer to take the person or family downstairs to coffee

hour after church. Many newcomers are hesitant to attend coffee hour on their own. Look for opportunities to introduce the person or family to other parishioners. If it's the coffee hour between services, there's often an adult Christian formation program available in the back of the parish hall. You might want to offer to accompany the newcomer to the program. Please attend coffee hour regularly. Look for people who are by themselves, or people you don't know. Say hello and introduce yourself. This is an opportunity to meet more people, whether they are newcomers or not.

### Following up with newcomers

After you have met a newcomer, please be on the lookout for the person on subsequent Sundays. If you see the person again, try to engage him or her in conversation again. Look for opportunities to introduce the person to more people. Research indicates that once a newcomer meets seven people in a congregation, they're likely to stay and become members. Conversely, if they meet few people, they're much more likely to stop coming.

As you get to know the person better, please suggest opportunities for involvement at St. Paul's that might fit with the person's interests. If they comment on how much they like the music, you might suggest that they attend one of our concerts held throughout the year, or that they join the choir. Or suggest they attend a dinner, or our Wednesday evening program, or participate in one of the activities that you enjoy.

We are blessed with many newcomers. Having them walk in the door is the easy part. Identifying them, welcoming them, getting contact information, and connecting them to the congregation is the hard part. In most congregations, the majority of newcomers do not return, or stop coming soon. You can make a huge difference in connecting newcomers and helping them become members of St. Paul's. And you can help every member of the congregation feel more welcome and connected. Together we will make St. Paul's the most welcoming congregation in the South Hills for all generations. Thank you for your ministry of welcoming and hospitality!

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## Nametag Order Form

Please help St. Paul's be the most welcoming congregation in the South Hills for all generations by ordering and wearing a nametag. Provide the information requested below and return with a check payable to *St. Paul's Episcopal Church* and "nametag" indicated in the memo line. This form may be placed in the offering plate, hand delivered to the parish office, or mailed to the church at 1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh PA 15228. The cost is \$6.50 per nametag. Please wear your nametag whenever you come to St. Paul's.

Print name clearly as you want it to appear on nametag

Phone Number

Email Address

# April Worship Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Chapel</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b> <i>Chapel</i>
	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Church with music and homily</i>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Church with music, sermon, &amp; healing prayers</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b> <i>Chapel with homily &amp; healing prayers</i>

## Holy Week Schedule

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Stripping of the Altar, followed by All-Night Vigil</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Good Friday Liturgy, Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Church open for prayer &amp; meditation until 3:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter &amp; Baptism, followed by Agape Reception</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunrise Service at Old St. Luke's</b>
		<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>
		<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt in St. Margaret's Garden</b>
		<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>

*Church offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5.*

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8:30 am — 4:30 pm

### Financial Office

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
7:30 am — 12:30 pm

### Communications

Coordinator  
Monday–Friday  
1:00 pm—5:00 pm

### Director of Children's

Ministry  
Monday–Friday  
1:00pm—5:00pm

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