

December 2010



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church The Messenger

Reflections by The Rev. Lou Hays

## 80 Years!

November 9 marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. I used the occasion of All Saints' Sunday (November 7) to preach and reflect on the incredible courage, faith, and vision of our forebears who built St. Paul's at a cost of \$100,000. While \$100,000 may not sound like a lot of money today, converting from 1930 dollars to 2010 dollars is more dramatic. In the throes of the Great Depression following the stock market crash in 1929, the members of St. Paul's committed to a project costing in excess of \$1.3 million.

The Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mann, delivered a message at the dedication service predicting that St. Paul's would become one of the "great and helpful parishes of the Diocese." I think it's fair to say that his prediction was correct, thanks to the ministry and efforts of countless numbers of parishioners and clergy over the past 80 years.

It is interesting to speculate where St. Paul's will be 80 years from now. In 1924, St. Paul's Pittsburgh had fallen on hard times and the people in consultation with the Bishop decided that the expanding suburb of Mt. Lebanon would be more fertile ground for the parish. Will St. Paul's still be with us 80 years from now? Without an endowment, could St. Paul's survive if Mt. Lebanon were to have gone into serious decline? As Kris Opat speculated in a recent sermon, might St. Paul's ultimately return to the City, or go elsewhere?

As we celebrated the saints who made the current St. Paul's possible through their faith and generosity in 1930, I couldn't help wonder if 80 years from now the people of St. Paul's would be celebrating what we have done in 2010 and beyond.

Will they celebrate that we had the foresight to remember St. Paul's in our wills so that they might enjoy the fruits of a strong endowment? Will they celebrate that we had the courage and vision to strive to be an incredibly welcoming beacon of Christ's love for all generations? Will they celebrate that we generously supported the ministries and programs that attracted future generations of young people so that the church did not die?

As we enter the season of Advent, the time for preparing to receive the greatest gift imaginable – the gift of Jesus Christ – I ask you to consider this question: will we measure up to the courage, faith, and vision of our founders by growing the Kingdom of God and doing the work of Christ in the world through St. Paul's, assuring the health and vitality of our parish for the next 80 years?

You are in my prayers for a blessed season of Advent and a most holy and joyful Christmastide.

*In Christ's love,  
Lou+*



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



# Spotlight on Special Needs:

## Did you know that St. Paul’s has a Special Needs Ministry?

We at St. Paul’s are dedicated to provide the best possible worship experience, Christian education and pastoral care to all who have special needs. This will be accomplished by working individually with the families, to determine their needs and to make adjustments were possible to meet those needs.

We at St. Paul’s are committed to ministering to the needs of the local community. We are planning a community education series for the local community that will both educate and inform on areas regarding special needs.

We at St. Paul’s want to offer pastoral care and support for those whose special needs situations affect the overall spiritual health of the family unit. This will be accomplished by clergy interaction and by developing groups that offer mutual support for a variety of areas of special needs.

If you want to learn more about these programs, or to be a part of the planning process please feel free to contact the Rev. Mabel Fanguy at 412-531-7153 ext. 12 or [mabel@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:mabel@stpaulspgh.org).

*The Rev. Mabel Fanguy*

## Wednesday Evening Advent Program – “Exploring the Season of Advent”

The Church year begins with the Season of Advent that starts on November 28 and ends with Christmas Eve. Join us as we explore this beautiful yet often misunderstood season through the scripture, hymns, prayers, and customs of Advent. Prepare for the coming of Christ by deepening your knowledge of the themes and theology of Advent. The program begins on Wednesday, December 1 and concludes on December 15. Join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at approximately 7, and departure no later than 8:30.

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## Introduction to Spirituality

Would you like to learn more about spirituality? Would you like to be more spiritual? As we enter the hectic holiday season, would you like to do a better job of dealing with the stress in your life? Please join us for this new three-week Sunday morning program that will explore these and related issues, at 9:40 a.m. on December 5, 12, and 19.

# Voice of the Pew: Florence Tabor

Our magnificent *Book of Common Prayer* suggests that each one of us offer to God daily morning and evening prayers of thanksgivings and concerns for another day of life. One of our parishioners, Florence Tabor, celebrated on November 29 her 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of birth, or 36,890 days of life. In a voice barely audible to our ears, she affirmed the other day her thanksgiving for the life God and her parents gave her beginning November 26, 1909 in Elgin, Illinois. I was greatly aided in this visit by our parishioner Jackie Cornell, who has been a regular visitor to her for two years, and by our parishioner Maude McDowell, a resident of Asbury Heights



Florence's father was Douglas Tabor, of Scotch-Irish decent, and her mother Gertrude, of Welsh descent. After a move to Muskegon, Michigan for work, the family came to Pittsburgh when Florence was 10 years old. Six years later, they moved to Mt. Lebanon and Florence graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1924. Florence and her sister Louise owned a red convertible and one of Florence's fond memories was riding in the car's rumble seat. Florence graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and began her teaching career with second grade students in the Mt. Lebanon School District. In later years she served as a guidance counselor for students.

At a date long ago and no longer remembered, a neighbor who was a member of St. Paul's Church invited her to worship, and this was the start of her spiritual home in this congregation. She was a Sunday School teacher at St. Paul's, and Maude McDowell was one of her students. In recent years, and due to the inability to come to St. Paul's building, she has faithfully attended the Methodist services at Asbury Heights. Clergy of St. Paul's have taken the Holy Eucharist to her over several years.

One of the amazing gifts Florence has is the acuity of her vision, and the pleasure she has in currently reading, without eye glasses, John Grisham's book "The Innocent Man". Another life long delight is her love of dogs. A staff member of Asbury Heights brings her dog Finnegan to work every day, to roam the hall and wag a hello to everyone, including Florence. Another delight is when our parishioner Joan Craft comes to visit, along with her toy poodle, so that Florence can hold Skipper in her lap and give appreciative treats to her four-legged guest. Toy dogs even circle her room. Florence Tabor radiates the love of God she has to others and the love God has shown her day by day, year by year.

*The Rev. Richard Davies*

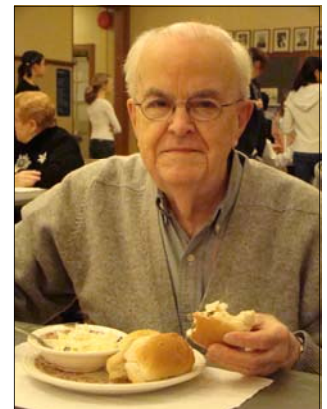
## From Canon Richard Davies...

It is not easy to come to the decision to retire from the staff and clerical duties of serving the parishioners at St. Paul's Church. It has been a privilege to be with clergy as a team, and the vestry as partners in ministry. To be allowed to share in God's name the joys and sorrows is a spiritual pearl to be treasured.

Doris and I want to thank the parish for the gathering of St. Paul's family, to celebrate the path we have traveled together and the role I have made as your deacon and priest.

*Canon Davies then...*

We cannot name all who should be thanked for planning and working to make my transition a graceful event. We thank you one and all. We will continue to worship and serve as parishioners of this wonderful congregation.



*...and now!*

# Music Notes



St. Paul's Music Ministry reflects what is described in an Alban Institute article, *Singing an Eclectic Repertoire*, as singing our faith in contrasting musical styles. Specifically, the article lists Anglican worship's bountiful treasure of traditional hymns and organ music anthems such as we typically offer in the 10:30 liturgy. It also mentions a variety of styles that we offer at the 8:45 liturgy, such as:

- Early American
- Hebrew Traditional
- African American Spirituals
- World Music
- Contemporary songs

To be surrounded by music ministers that play and sing in a variety of styles is testament to St. Paul's treasure of talent! For this I am deeply grateful.

The music for the season of Advent and Christmas in December certainly is especially beloved; the great seasonal hymns, choral anthems, organ works and music for soloists and instruments all bring our hearts closer to the coming of Christ. I give thanks to all our parish musicians who, having recently presented one of Bach's great Cantatas, are about to embark on preparing music for the Christmas season. Our Contemporary ensemble, similarly, is preparing new music for the season which includes Advent favorites and some fun pieces recorded by Fran McKendree.

The Canterbury Children's Choir is back and under the direction of our Music Assistant, Bryan Sable and will be presenting special anthems for December worship including the Christmas Eve Pageant. Sunday evening's Refuge service, also under the direction of Bryan Sable, will be offering its multi-sensory worship experience in *A Season of Expectation and Fulfillment*. Consider introducing someone to St. Paul's by bringing them to this unique Sunday evening worship, a warming experience in December cold.

*Doug Starr, Director of Music & Arts*

## Special Musical Events for Advent and Christmas

### Christmas Eve—Special Music at all Services!

**4:30 p.m. service:** Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant featuring our Canterbury Choir.

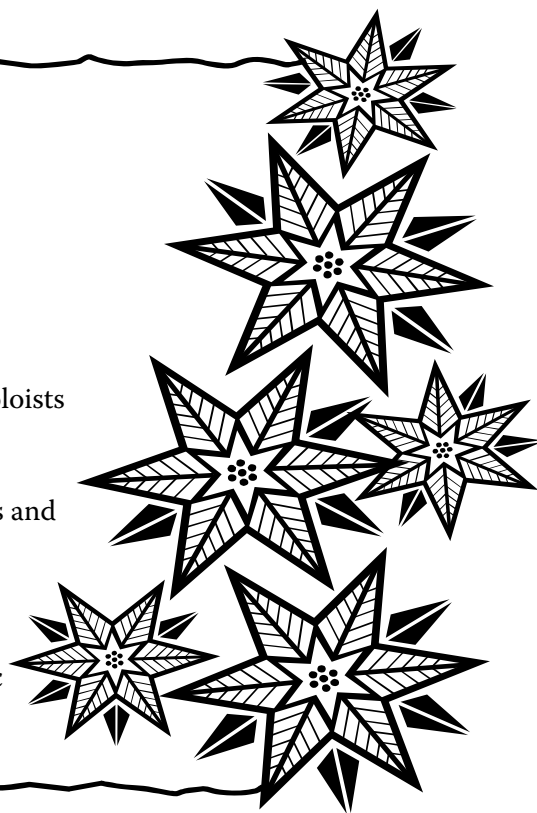
**7:30 p.m. service:** Holy Eucharist with Music for choir, soloists and brass quintet

**10:30 p.m. prelude:** Caroling with orchestra and choir

**11:00 p.m. service:** Holy Eucharist Music for choir, soloists and brass quintet

### January 2—Lessons & Carols

**10:30 a.m. service:** Holy Eucharist with Lessons and Music featuring choral anthems and Christmas Carols



# Outreach Commission:

## Our winter mission, keeping people warm and fed.

As our recent beautiful fall weather turns to rain, snow, ice, and cold, the Outreach Commission prepares to help those who endure these weather conditions on a daily basis: the homeless of our region. This winter, we will continue our mission to assist those in need.

### Shepherd's Heart

Every month, St. Paul's parishioners prepare, deliver, and serve a hot Sunday meal at Shepherd's Heart parish in the Lower Hill near Mercy Hospital. The homeless and others in need of a hot meal gather at Shepherd's Heart for a Eucharist service, and then enjoy the fellowship of food. On November 7, we served chili, coleslaw, nachos, cornbread, cookies, and fruit to about 150 people. Our next three dates for these meals are December 5, January 23 and February 20. Our menu will be announced prior to each date. The meal for December will be beef stew (find the recipe at [www.stpaulspgh.org](http://www.stpaulspgh.org)), salad or coleslaw, bread, cookies, and fruit.

Shepherd's Heart is also asking for donations of cold weather clothing and blankets. Especially needed are adult-sized coats, 'hoodies', hats, gloves, heavy footwear, and new socks. A box will be placed in the Undercroft to collect these items, so when "editing" the contents of your closets and drawers, please keep this need in mind. We hope to take a load of clothing down on our next date, December 5, and we will continue to collect these items throughout the winter months.

### Operation Safety Net

This organization, founded by Dr. Jim Withers, touches the lives of hundreds of men and women living on the streets in Pittsburgh, providing them with access to health care, social services, food, and shelter. They operate the Severe Weather Shelter (SWS) at United Church of Christ, downtown, on nights when the temperature falls below 25°F. The SWS provides a warm place to sleep, a hot meal, showers, toiletries, medical care and case management. At St. Paul's, we are on a 48-hour call schedule to provide 100 meals for guests at the SWS. Our dates for this service are Monday, November 29; Wednesday, December 29; Wednesday, January 19; Wednesday, February 23. Our standard meal for these dates is meatloaf, potato casserole (any type), and green beans. Recipes are also on the St. Paul's website. Operation Safety Net also provides breakfast bags to the homeless. These bags contain energy or breakfast bars, dried fruit, juice and/or water. Our goal is to provide 100 bags per month, so donations of any of these items are greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the office marked "Operation Safety Net."

### South Hills Food Pantry

December 4-5 is Food Pantry weekend. While nonperishable food items are welcome as always, this month, we need potatoes, apples, oranges, carrots, and sweet potatoes for our Christmas donations to the South Hills Food Pantry. Please also remember paper and soap products along with toothpaste, shampoo, and hand lotions are also needed and very much appreciated.

### How can the people of St. Paul's help?

- Volunteer to prepare food for Shepherd's Heart and the SWS. Each time we have a date, we worry about having enough food to feed all the guests at the shelters. If you can cook for us, please contact Pat Eagon Stafford at [pkeagon@gmail.com](mailto:pkeagon@gmail.com) or at home, 412-276-7721. We appreciate any and all donations.
- Volunteer to serve food at Shepherd's Heart. This is a wonderful family or Scout troop mission and appropriate for kids from age 10 and up.
- Engage your St. Paul's organization to prepare breakfast bags.
- Bring in your used warm clothing and donate it to the homeless.
- When you are at a store such as Wal-Mart or Costco, buy a big pack of white athletic socks to donate to Shepherd's Heart.
- If cooking is not your forte, consider a donation to the Outreach Commission to help support our food purchases for these meals.
- Take advantage of specials and BOGOs at your local supermarket, and bring the extras on Food Pantry Sunday (first Sunday of each month) or place it in the box next to the door of the library at any time. For information on the Food Pantry, contact June Hanraty at [ejhanraty@verizon.net](mailto:ejhanraty@verizon.net) or at home, 412-833-2164.

# December Announcements

**Saturday Worship** — Remember, the Saturday 6 p.m. service is now in the Chapel here at St. Paul's

**Volunteers needed for our Sunday evening service, *Refuge at St. Paul's*** No matter what your interest or ability, there is an opportunity to serve. Logistics and Liturgy, Creativity and Aesthetics, Hospitality and Publicity, find your place. Find your Refuge.

**Food Pantry Weekend** December 4-5 is South Hills Food Pantry weekend – For this time only we will be collecting potatoes, apples, oranges, carrots, and sweet potatoes as well as non-perishable food items. Please remember that paper and soap products and health and beauty aids are also very much appreciated. This collection will be used for the Christmas deliveries on December 19.

**Brrrr IT IS COLD OUTSIDE!** Our friends at Shepherd's Heart are in need of adult-sized coats, 'hoodies', hats, gloves, blankets, heavy footwear, and socks. Please bring gently used or new contributions to the box marked "Shepherd's Heart" in the Undercroft/Parish Hall.

**Book Club meets Friday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Lounge. The book selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

**Blood Pressure Clinic continues Sunday, December 12** — Between the 8:45 and 10:30 service in the Rev. Mabel's office and following the 10:30 service in the Library. Mica Van Fossen, a registered nurse and member of St Paul's will be available to check blood pressure. This provides parishioners with blood pressure issues an opportunity to have it checked on a regular basis. If there are any other nurses in the congregation who would like to help with this Health Care Ministry, please let either Mica or the Rev. Mabel know.

**Pickwick Boys' Lunch is Thursday, December 16** at the Grand Concourse. Brian Dingle is the host—call him to RSVP at 724-942-0276.

**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.

**The Assistant Rector's Bible Study** continues most Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are studying the *Gospel of Mark*. Don't miss out. Contact the Rev. Kris Opat for more information at 412-531-7153 ext. 35 or kris@stpaulspgh.org. We will not meet on Wednesday, December 29.

**Bulletin/Email Reminder**—The Bulletin/Email Announcement Deadline is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. If you have information for the bulletin/email please contact Dorothy at dconway@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153, ext. 10.



## New in the church library:

*Give a Little : How Your Small Donations Can Transform Our World* by Wendy Smith

*The Heartbeat of God : Finding the Sacred in the Middle of Everything* by Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

**Old St. Luke's Ornament:** We are pleased to offer a three dimensional brass ornament of Old St. Luke's Church, designed for us at Williamsburg, Virginia., to be used as a tree ornament, a sun-catcher, or as a memento of this pioneer church. The ornament is sized 2 1/2" by 2", with 24 kt. gold finish, and a sky-blue opalescent background. It is attractively gift boxed. Cost is \$15 (plus postage if mailed) with proceeds going to the restoration of the church. The Ornament is available at Old St. Luke's Church, and at St. Paul's. An order form is included in the web site [www.oldsaintlukes.org](http://www.oldsaintlukes.org). For information call Richard Davies, 412-489-3795.



## Share the JOY!

### Caroling! Cookies! Gifts for others!

### Sunday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

Join your St. Paul's family as we gather together to Share the Joy of this holy season of Advent! We will sing carols, eat cookies and celebrate the true joy of the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Once again, David Brewton, will lead us in song and merriment as he has done for the past 17 years. This year, we would like to honor Dave Brewton in a special way. If you have any old photographs please call Rini or Dave Choura at 412-561-1208.

To make someone else's Christmas more joyful, look in the Parish Hall for the gift tree. Select a card and purchase the suggested gift and bring it to Share the Joy. Gifts need not be wrapped. Monetary contributions to the East Liberty Family Health Center are also appreciated. Bring your gift and a plate of cookies to share!



Diocese of Pittsburgh ECW  
Seaman's Church Institute  
Christmas on the River  
Tuesday, December 7  
9:00 am  
Packing Party & Luncheon  
Please Join US!



On Tuesday December 7, at 9:00 a.m. the Diocese of Pittsburgh ECW will be packing Christmas boxes for the Seaman's Institute in the Undercroft. Since 1898 volunteers of the Seamen's Church Institute have been

collecting, packing, knitting and distributing Christmas gifts to mariners who are miles from home on Christmas Day.

The Seamen's Church Institute is North America's largest and most comprehensive mariners' service agency, promoting safety, dignity, and improved working and living conditions for millions of men and women serving in the maritime workplace. Founded in 1834, the Institute is a voluntary, ecumenical agency affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

We need donations of hand lotion, chewing gum, wrapped candy, puzzle books, microwave popcorn, lip balm and paperback books. Items can be left in the church office or can be brought to the packing party. It will be community work day with a hot lunch. Please join us for this wonderful ministry and fellowship opportunity. Please RSVP by December 6 to Debbie Wiles at 412-344-5759 or [debwiles@verizon.net](mailto:debwiles@verizon.net).

## Parish Updates

### Birth Announcements

#### **Claire Elizabeth Hall**

*Daughter of Harold and Jamie Hall  
Granddaughter of Dr. Mark and Donna Hall  
Great-granddaughter of parishioners  
Harold and Anne Hall  
Monday, November 15, 2010*

### Baptism Announcements

#### **Benjamin Camden Trau**

*Son of parishioners Jon and Amanda Trau  
Grandson of parishioners Charles and Nancy Trau  
November 7, 2010*

#### **Lily Belle Wyland**

*Daughter of parishioners Jacob and Shawna Wyland  
November 7, 2010*

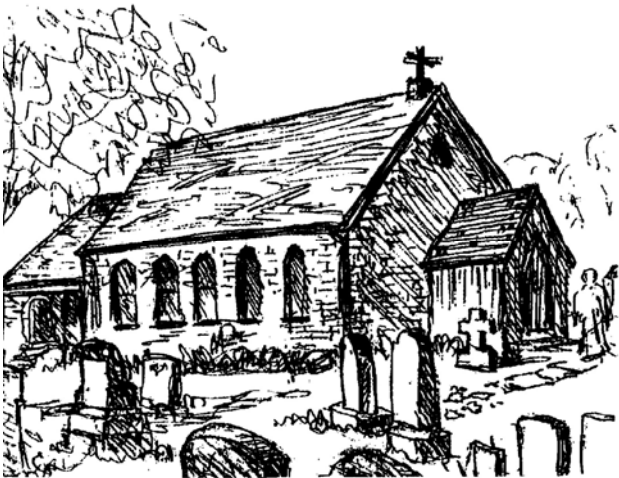
### Death Announcements

#### **Scott Stewart Higgins**

*Son of parishioners Al and Margaret Higgins  
Died on Saturday, October 30, 2010*

#### **Donna Lee Woessner**

*Dear friend of parishioner Sandy Ludman  
Died on Tuesday, November 16, 2010*



# Children & Youth Ministries

## Mission Trip Meeting—Sunday, December 5 at 12 noon in the Youth Room

At this meeting, we will vote on where we will go next summer. There are several options which will be presented. The only way to make your opinion known is to attend this meeting and vote! Attendance is mandatory if you plan on taking any part in the trip, be it fundraising, chaperoning, or attending! Remember, without YOU there would be no Mission Trip!

## Snow Shoveling for a Cause

This winter the Missioners of the 2011 Mission Trip are offering a new service to everyone in the parish. We will be shoveling snow from driveways and walkways. When the weather gets bad, call or email Steve at 412-531-7153 x18 or [shill@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:shill@stpaulspgh.org). He will dispatch 2 or 3 youth bearing shovels! Donations are accepted and will benefit the 2011 Mission Trip.

## Christmas on the River—Sunday, December 19, departing from St. Paul's at 12 noon

In October, I met the Rev. Kempton Baldrige of the Seaman's Church Institute (SCI) who spoke to me about a very unique opportunity: to provide Christmas to a boat of mariners stationed in Sewickley. The SCI gives mariners a place to feel "at home." While the mariners may be away from friends or family for days or weeks at a time, the SCI provides many services to them. The SCI employs interfaith and multi-cultural clergy. Along with pastoral care and friendship, these clergy provide mariners with calling cards, cell phones, and wire transfer forms so that they can contact loved ones at home. The ECW is collecting and boxing needed supplies. The EYC will then take these boxes and deliver them to the "Osage" stationed out of Sewickley, thus providing a "Christmas on the River Sunday," December 19.

## Operation Safety Net Breakfast Bags Donations needed by Sunday, December 12

The EYC is collecting materials for breakfast bags which will be used by Operation Safety Net. OSN visits the unsheltered homeless directly where they sleep through walking teams of the formerly homeless and medical outreach staff. During these visits they distribute the breakfast bags, which we assemble. The donations we need are: **cereal bars, granola/fruit mix, dried fruit, single serve cereal boxes, small cans of fruit/applesauce, juice boxes, and packs of gum.** Items can be either given to a youth, or dropped off in Steve's office.

## EYC Christmas Gift Exchange— Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in the Lounge

The rules are simple: find something around the house, wrap it and bring it to the exchange. Do not buy anything; it must be something you already own that you no longer want/use. Creativity counts. After our swap, we will attend Refuge, and finally close our evening with cookies and caroling at Share the Joy! It will truly be an extravaganza to remember!

## Share the Joy! Sunday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

Need a little extra cheer this Christmas? There's no better way to scare away those winter blues than at St. Paul's during Share the Joy! Every year, David Brewton brings his wonderful talents to a caroling spectacular. Come enjoy cookies, carols, and hot chocolate, but most importantly bring donations for East Liberty Family Health Center Gift Tree. The gift tree is located in the Parish Hall covered in cards with gift ideas. Pick one!

*Steve Hill*

*Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

## Children & Youth Events

1 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break

4 - **Saturday:** Nursery School Santa Breakfast

5 - **Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School

12 noon Mission Trip Meeting

6 - **Monday, 6 - 8 pm:** JR EYC Study break

8 - **Wednesday:** NO SR EYC

12 - **Sunday:** Last Day for Breakfast Bag Donations

9:30 am Sunday School

4:00 pm EYC Gift Exchange

7:00pm Share the Joy

13 - **Monday, 6 - 8 pm:** JR EYC Study break

15 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break

19 - **Sunday**

9:30 am Pageant Rehearsal

12 noon Christmas on the River

20 - **Monday:** NO JR EYC

22 - **Wednesday:** NO SR EYC

24 - **Friday, 4pm Christmas Pageant**

25 - **Saturday, Merry Christmas!**

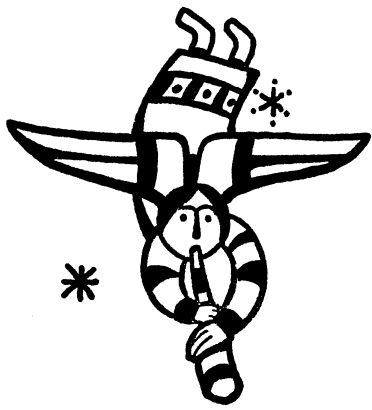
10 am Christmas Service

26 - **Sunday:** No Sunday School

27 - **Monday:** NO JR EYC

29 - **Wednesday:** NO SR EYC

31 - **Friday—Happy New Year!**



Celebrate the glorious coming of Christ by participating in the



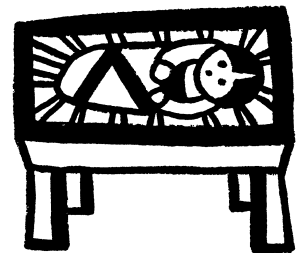
# St. Paul's Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

## Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 4 p.m.

For all participants, there will be rehearsal on **Sunday, December 19 from 9:30 until 10:20 a.m.**  
The pageant will be on **Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24** during the **4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist.**  
**Children should arrive in costume at 3:30 p.m.**

There is regular Sunday School on December 19 for those children not participating in the pageant.  
There are no Sunday School classes on December 26 or January 2.  
Regular Sunday School will resume on January 9.

Below are suggested roles/ages. If your child has any special needs or circumstances that might prevent them from participating in any of the listed roles, please contact Lisa Brown at [lbrown@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:lbrown@stpaulspgh.org) to determine an alternative. We want EVERY to be a part of this tradition!



- Angel:** ages 3 years old—teen
- Shepherd:** 1<sup>st</sup> –3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Sheep:** ages 3-Kindergarten
- Innkeepers** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wiseman's page** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade



Yes, our family would like to participate in the St. Paul's Christmas Pageant

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Part requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Part requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Part requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Part requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult helper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults are needed to help with costumes on December 19 and December 24, both before and after pageant

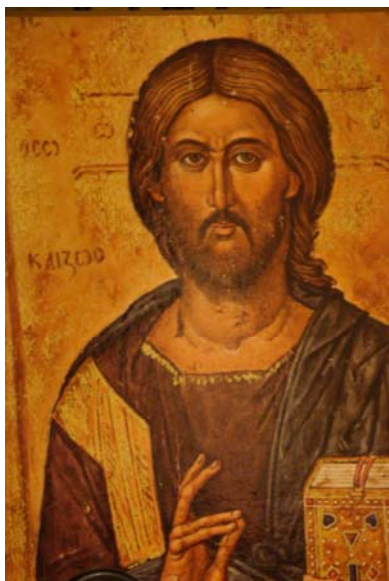
# Consider Year End Giving to St. Paul's

Please consider St. Paul's for your year-end giving. Through our mission and ministries we touch the lives of many people, and your generosity allows our ministries to thrive. In order to be deductible in 2010, contributions must be delivered or postmarked by December 31.



<b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b>				
<b>Statement of Operations</b>				
<b>October</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Year-to- Date</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Stewardship		\$57,031	\$518,539	\$673,500
Worship		1,055	13,369	31,000
Property		3,147	19,347	22,500
Interest /Misc.		3	12,377	15,000
Total		\$61,236	\$563,632	\$742,000
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Stewardship		\$374	\$1,101	\$2,000
Spiritual Growth		49	294	1,000
Worship		374	11,862	17,000
Outreach		0	60,078	74,240
Fellowship		(90)	(725)	1,000
Pastoral		52	495	1,000
Communications		299	1,403	5,000
Property		6,260	80,472	96,000
Personnel		44,057	415,579	506,815
Executive		1,521	34,697	38,400
Total		\$52,896	\$605,256	\$742,455
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>		\$8,340	(\$41,624)	(\$455)
<b>less: debt principal payment</b>		(1,503)	(14,658)	(17,619)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		\$6,837	(\$56,282)	(\$18,074)





# ...find **Refuge**

Sundays at 6pm

Advent and Christmas:

A Season of Expectation and Fulfillment

I am very pleased to present our newest season of Refuge at St. Paul's. For five weeks we will journey together through the seasons of Advent and Christmas, focusing on core themes in each: expectation and fulfillment. Expectation is central to the season of Advent, which literally means "coming." It is a time to look toward the coming of Jesus as a human being in a manger as well as to anticipate the second coming when all will be made complete and we will rejoice in the new heaven and the new earth. In this season we wait. We wait knowing that we are powerless to speed things up, but that one day all will be set right and our hope will transform into joy. One of the more prominent symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. Each of the four weeks of Advent we light one more candle on the wreath bringing more and more light into our worship as we approach the day when our expectations will be fulfilled. This fits so well into the Refuge service since light is such an important element of the service. I am excited for the richness of the symbolism and meaning to be explored in our worship together.

The second piece to this new season is fulfillment, which is central to the season of Christmas. Christmas is when we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the season where our expectation is realized and the prophecies are fulfilled. This world spent millennia mired in sin and death and into the darkness a child was born who changed everything. Darkness gave way to the light; redemption, restoration, and resurrection were born into the world.

Please come and join us this season as we prepare for and rejoice in the coming of our Lord. **Please note that Refuge at St. Paul's will not gather on Sunday, December 26.**

A multi-sensory  
worship experience

*Advent: a season of preparation. Canterbury Choir (below right) practices songs of joy and praise; families (below and left) make advent wreaths; and parishioners shop for perfect gifts at the Canterbury Fair (above left).*



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## December 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, family-friendly upbeat music and homily</i>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Church with traditional music, sermon, &amp; healing prayers</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Refuge at St. Paul's</b> <i>Church, multi-sensory worship experience</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Friendship Village</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>

## Christmas Services

<b>Friday, December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II &amp; Pageant</b> <i>Church with music</i>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Church with sermon and music</i>
	<b>10:30 p.m.</b> <b>Carol Sing</b> <i>Church, with music including orchestra</i>
	<b>11:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Church with sermon and music</i>

*The church offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31. The clergy and staff wish everyone a Holy, Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

## Important Dates

- Thursday, December 2**  
Women's Christmas Luncheon
- Saturday, December 4**  
NS Santa Breakfast
- Tuesday, December 7**  
ECW Packing Seaman's Boxes
- Sunday, December 12**  
Christmas Vespers at OSL  
EYC Gift Exchange  
Share the Joy
- Sunday, December 19**  
Pageant Rehearsal  
EYC Christmas on the River  
Box Delivery
- Friday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve
- Saturday, December 25**  
Christmas
- Friday, December 31**  
New Year's Eve

