

February 2011

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

# The Messenger

Reflections by The Rev. Lou Hays

## The State of the Parish

As we prepare for our Annual Meeting and Vestry Retreat, I have been reflecting on the State of St. Paul's. This year and last year mark two milestones in the history of our parish. This past fall we celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original church building and marveled at the vision and faith of those who were able to accomplish so much in the aftermath of the crash of 1929. We are indebted to our forebears and they inspire us to do our part in the continual building up of St. Paul's. And 2011 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's in Pittsburgh. These significant anniversaries remind us that our time in this place is fleeting. We did not recognize the names of those who founded modern-day St. Paul's 80 years ago, and likely our names will not be recognized 80 years in the future. Yet our work is critically important to equipping the saints for the building up of the Kingdom and carrying out the work of Christ in the world. Our time here is brief in the grand scheme of things, yet our responsibilities and opportunities are huge.

### **Worship, Welcoming, and Attendance**

We are blessed to have five worship services each weekend, each with a very different flavor. Three of them offer outstanding music. I hear comments from newcomers and parishioners complimenting us on the wonderful variety of worship options we offer. And it is increasingly common to hear that newcomers are made to feel very welcome and comfortable. I want to

thank the congregation for taking to heart the responsibility of becoming more welcoming. The clergy and the ushers and the greeters are helpful front-line "welcomers." But the real difference is made by people in the pews who go out of their way to meet and welcome those they do not know, as I gratefully observe every Sunday.

Overall, attendance during 2010 was down slightly from the previous year. At the same time, we enjoyed a small increase in the number of members. Every year people die or move away or otherwise leave. Fortunately we have added many new members to our rolls. Almost every day I read or hear about churches struggling in our Diocese and all over the country with declining income, low attendance, and few if any children and young people in the congregation. By contrast we are blessed with a large and vibrant congregation and the largest Sunday School population and youth participation in the Diocese. We are swimming against the stream of popular culture that makes it more and more difficult for mainline denominations to flourish. Thanks be to God, we are flourishing.

### **Refuge at St. Paul's**

After months of careful planning under the leadership of Kris Opat, we launched our new service on Sunday evenings at 6 pm called Refuge at St. Paul's. Refuge is multi-sensory and multi-disciplinary, appealing to all

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



# Spotlight on Special Needs

At the last meeting of the Special Needs Ministry the group decided on several activities to pursue in this coming year. First, we will be having a monthly lunch gathering on the second Sunday of each month. A light lunch will be served, and activities will be provided for the children in attendance. This gathering is primarily a time to share and support one another as parents and professionals who work with children and adults with special needs.

Secondly, we are planning on having a quarterly “Exploring Our Worship” service which will provide a “hands on”, child friendly liturgy and teaching time that will explore in more detail certain aspects of our regular worship services and Holy Eucharist. The Special Needs Ministry invites all parish children and their parents (and anyone else who would like to come) to this informal worship service. This service will be held at 1:00 p.m. four times a year.

There were several other program ideas that were discussed by the group, please watch for additional information that will be provided at a later date. If you would like to be put on the Special Needs e-mail list or would like additional information about this ministry please contact The Rev. Mabel Fanguy at [mabel@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:mabel@stpaulspgh.org) or Lisa Brown at [lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org).

*The Rev. Mabel Fanguy*

## Exploring Our Worship

The Special Needs Ministry group invites all children and their parents to join us at our new quarterly ‘Exploring Our Worship’ service.

This informative service will feature a child-friendly liturgy, a hands-on teaching time to explore questions children have about our regular worship and Holy Eucharist.

**Sunday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Does anybody live in God’s House?**  
 Exploring the Church Building

**Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Make a Joyful Noise!**  
 Music in Worship

**Sunday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Let’s Set the Table!**  
 The Altar Guild at Work

**Sunday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Do they only work on Sunday?**  
 Clergy—what they do on Sunday and the rest of the week.



# Pastoral Care

As you all may have seen in the annual report, the Pastoral Care Commission is composed of many different ministries. A good many of these are run by lay leaders and address specific needs and issue in individual lives.

We provide meals, transportation, and blood pressure checks. We provide booklets on grief, baskets for babies and prayer shawls for those who are hospitalized. Much wonderful ministry is done by the caring and capable lay ministers of St. Paul’s. The clergy at St. Paul’s are also available to meet with

individuals for both pastoral and spiritual counsel.

In an emergency, please call us 24/7 on our Pastoral Care emergency line, 412-337-7667. To set up an appointment with one of the clergy, you can reach us at the church office At 412-531-7153.

*Mabel+*

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## “Those who sat in darkness have seen a great light...”

This verse is from Isaiah is quoted in the Gospel of Matthew. You may remember it from our readings for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. It is a simply and accurate description of the church; we are those who have sat in darkness and have seen a great light.

That light is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who though being God did not take advantage of his divinity, but instead humbled himself and lived among us. His true glory and majesty were revealed briefly to Peter, James, and John on the mount of the Transfiguration where his clothes became dazzling white. His true devotion to us was shown in the washing of the disciples' feet and the last supper. His true love for us was most salient in his death for us on the cross for our justification, that we may become children of God.

As Christians, everything we do is a response to this light that has come into the world for us and the warmth draws us in. We are like moths attracted to a flame that doesn't burn, but envelops us with warmth and love. The wonderful message of the gospel draws us together and unites us. It is the center of who we are and what we are about, but when our focus is distracted by politics and the theological conflicts of the day we become united around ideas and doctrines instead of the living God...and we are divided.

As a diocese and as a parish we unfortunately understand division. We have endured much in the interest of being right, but in being right we have strayed from our center, from our light. In the interest of defending what we think is right, whether it is over matters of sexuality, theology, doctrine, liturgy, style, or leadership, we have embraced the darkness of self-interest over the light of love and redemption. But God has done everything *for us* already. We are free to let go of the things that our fear tempts us to hold onto.

There is a scene in the movie *Contact* with Jodie Foster that ties in well for me. In the movie Jodie Foster's character Eleanor makes contact with an entity that instructs them to build a machine allowing them to communicate. This machine is set up to drop a capsule holding Eleanor hundreds of feet to a net below. As they are putting the finishing touches on the device there is a last minute change in the design to add restraints to protect her as she falls. Eleanor argues for the original design, but the engineers insist that for her safety she must have the restraints.

Once Eleanor is strapped in they activate the machine and she is dropped through the air. The chair she is strapped into begins to shake violently. As a look of fear grows on her face, she notices her necklace (which has been shaken off her body) is floating peacefully in the air in front of her. She reaches up and unlatches her restraints and immediately the shaking stops and she is floating gently in the air.

Sometimes we think we know best, but even if we don't understand it, God is at work in our lives and in our hearts. Christ really has done everything for us already and we can relax. We will always have our beliefs and our interpretations of scripture and what we think is best, but sometimes our best understanding leads to us being shaken apart. It is when we let go that we are at peace, with ourselves and with one another.

*The Rev. Kris Opat*

# Music Notes

The season after Epiphany is especially long this year—nine weeks, because Easter is rather late in the liturgical calendar. Sometimes referred to as Ordinary Time because it is not part of Advent leading to Christmas nor Lent leading to Holy Week and Easter, this season is certainly not “ordinary” as it examines the work of Christ’s ministry on earth. Neither is our music calendar at all “ordinary”. Between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> we will have two concerts in our Music Guild series.

## **Katy Williams Recital**

**Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a recital by Katy Williams, Vocal Artist-in-Residence at St. Paul’s, featuring music for solo and ensemble repertoire. Her program is entitled: Heart wide open- enter if you dare! This recital celebrates the musicians in Katy’s life in a recital of song and camaraderie that music creates for us. Musical guests abound in this wonderful recital created and dedicated to those she loves. Aria and art song, Gilbert n’ Sullivan and Spamalot, a world premier of a brand new song? Who knows?! This one is bound to please. A Free-Will offering will be taken.



*Katy Williams*

## **Kenyon College Chamber Singers**

**Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Guild concert previously scheduled for March 20 has been cancelled and replaced with a concert by the Kenyon College Chamber Singers on Saturday, March 5. The Kenyon College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Locke, is a select mixed choir consisting of fifty-five undergraduate musicians who



*Kenyon College Chamber Singers*

regard singing as an integral part of a liberal arts education. The group rehearses daily in order to prepare programs of both a cappella and accompanied music for Kenyon concerts as well as their annual Spring Tour which will bring them to St. Paul’s.

For this concert we need help across the parish. As in the past when we have hosted visiting college choirs, the Kenyon students will need overnight housing after the evening concert on March 5. On Sunday morning, March 6, they will depart for their next Spring tour location. You may volunteer for housing by calling the church office at 412-531-7153 or Leslie Marino at 412-443-0188 or 412-561-4895 (home). We deeply appreciate your help in welcoming these young singers.

Refuge, our new and multi-sensory, contemplative, interactive, and Innovative liturgy continues each Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. In this Epiphany “season of light”, Bryan Sable leads the music for this liturgy. As you may or may not know, Refuge music is composed and arranged by Bryan, our talented Music Assistant. If you have not yet attended a Refuge liturgy, do so in this season of light.

Parishioner and cellist, Eleanor Lee, has recently won two local musical competitions with subsequent and forthcoming performances. Congratulations Eleanor! The Winner of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) Concerto competition, Eleanor will play the first and last movements of the Elgar Cello Concerto on the May 1 PYSO concert (2:00 p.m. at Heinz Hall). A Winner in The Pittsburgh Concert Society Young Artist Auditions, this recital is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on March 13 at CMU/Fine Arts Bldg. Eleanor will play a Brahms sonata movement and Chopin’s Polonaise Brillante. This is her second year as a winner in this audition—last year she was part of a piano trio with her brother, Alex Lee.

*Doug Starr, Director of Music & Arts*

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of the senses. While fully in the Episcopal Eucharistic tradition, it adapts our ancient liturgy and practices to appeal particularly to those seeking a new spiritual experience. Imagine a darkened space with many candles, a hint of incense in the air, hauntingly beautiful music, and much more. Average attendance during 2010 was 34, with many newcomers to St. Paul's. Refuge is better understood by experience than explanation. If you haven't tried Refuge, you owe to yourself to do so.

## **Special Needs Ministry**

It is estimated that 95% of families with special needs are not part of any faith community due in part to the challenges they face and in part to lack of understanding and welcoming on the part of many churches. Under the leadership of Mabel Fanguy and Lisa Brown, we have started a new ministry for families and individuals with special needs. Our emphasis is on offering education to the parish about special needs and providing accommodating and welcoming worship, Christian formation, fellowship, and pastoral care for families and individuals with special needs. The response from interested parishioners has been very gratifying, and 2011 promises to be a time of growth and development of this exciting ministry.

## **Financial Health**

Through the generosity of many parishioners, tight control of expenses, and the sacrifice of all of our employees, we are improving the financial health of the parish. In 2009 we ended the year with a deficit of \$34,000. A year ago, we announced a 2010 budget with a deficit of \$18,000. Because of strong year-end giving and reduced expenditures, our actual deficit for 2010 was \$11,500, a third of where we were just one year ago. And our 2011 budget will have zero deficit. Clearly we are headed in the right direction. Now the challenge is to increase regular giving in the future so that special appeals such as the salary restoration fund will be unnecessary and that expansion of our ministries will be possible.

## **Leadership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh**

St. Paul's leadership role in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has expanded significantly as Kris Opat and three parishioners have been appointed to the Bishop search process. Kris Opat serves as a member of the Nomination Committee, and John Adams, Millie Ryan, and Sue Vines serve on the Transition Committee. Please keep them in your prayers as they carry out these significant responsibilities.

St. Paul's is truly blessed, with a superb staff, faithful and dedicated lay leaders, and people engaged in important ministries that change the lives of many people. With your help, St. Paul's is becoming a most welcoming congregation for all generations, and a beacon of Christ's love, bringing hope and joy to the people of the parish and the community, nation, and the world.

*In Christ's love, Lou+*

# Outreach Update:

*Sending hope abroad and continuing our winter mission to help people stay warm and fed.*

## **Mission Trip to Uganda**

Once again, the parishioners of St. Paul's have contributed generously (over \$2500) to send our own Pat Hurd on a two-week mission trip to the Blessed Mustard Seed Babies Home in Hoima, Uganda. The Babies Home cares for 55 orphaned children from infancy through college. Last year, Pat focused on their Vacation Bible School, reading encouragement, facility maintenance, and bringing the love of Christ to the children and staff of the orphanage. She accompanied Rev. Kathy LaLonde and her husband, Wally. We await Pat's return to hear her wonderful stories and experiences with these remarkable children and staff. As last year, any excess over the cost of the trip will be donated to the Home to support their work.

## **Local Outreach:**

Although 2010 was defined by a tight church budget with no funding for the Outreach Commission, we were fortunate to have received special donations from individuals and the family of June and Ed Hanraty in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In addition, the Commission sponsored and prepared two dinners (Pasta Party and Harvest Dinner) to raise funds. We are proud to have been able to donate \$1000 to each of these worthy local organizations: the Greater Pittsburgh Food Community Bank, Jubilee Kitchen, and Operation Safety Net. In addition, we sent a \$300 check to Up for Reading program at Emmanuel Episcopal on North Side.

**Shepherd's Heart:** Each month, St. Paul's members cook and serve a hot meal at Shepherd's Heart in the Lower Hill District. Recently, we have taken healthy and hearty meals of chili (November), beef stew (December), and meatloaf (January). Our next scheduled date is February 20. Our menu will be announced prior to each date. The guests particularly enjoy donations of homemade cookies and fruit, especially oranges and tangerines. We have also been fortunate to receive very generous donations of bread from BreadWorks on North Side to accompany our meals.

St. Paul's has also contributed cold weather clothing and blankets to this mission. So far, several carloads have been taken down, and the collection box in the Undercroft for such items will remain for at least another month.

**Operation Safety Net:** We at St. Paul's have been on call for preparing a meal once a month, for days when the temperature falls below 25 degrees. We deliver the meals to the Severe Weather Shelter (SWS) at United Church of Christ, downtown. This month, thanks to the young women of the EYC, we prepared a meal for 100 people. Our remaining date for this winter is Wednesday, February 23. Our standard meal for these dates is meatloaf, potato casserole (any type), and green beans. Recipes are available from Pat Stafford (pkeagon@gmail.com), on the website, and in previous emails.

Operation Safety Net also provides breakfast bags to the homeless. These bags contain energy or breakfast bars, dried fruit, juice and/or water. This winter our EYC members prepared over one hundred bags for this mission.

**South Hills Food Pantry:** The first weekend of each month is Food Pantry Week-end. Usually we provide non-perishable foods and household products, but for the Christmas holidays, we donated large amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables. As always, paper and soap products along with toothpaste, shampoo, and hand lotions are also needed and very much appreciated.

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*Susan Wilcox*

# Voice of the Pew: Susan Wilcox

If St. Paul's Church has a chapter of the Holy Order of Church Mice, Susan Wilcox would be a member. Why? Read on.

Susan was born in Chicago in 1942, the daughter of John and Ruby Johnson. Sue, as a cradle Episcopalian, was raised in Allegan, Michigan, where she graduated from high school and then from Michigan State University. A college classmate was Michael Wilcox, who became her husband in 1963. Sue and Michael have three children, Mark, who is director of rehabilitation at St. Clair Hospital, Betsy, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Tom, residing in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Sue and Michael have seven grandchildren, and the whole family tries to gather in Pittsburgh on Thanksgiving and again in the summer.

Sue and Michael moved to Pittsburgh in 1972 and Sue immediately found a spiritual home at St. Paul's Church. She became active in the choir, the Episcopal Church Women, the Altar Guild, and she became the second woman to serve as a member of the Vestry. Michael's job took them away from Pittsburgh for several years and when they returned in 1998, she proclaimed her joy to be back in the St. Paul's congregation once again.

Sue has been president of the Altar Guild for the past ten years. Just as all Altar Guild members do, Sue relishes serving quietly behind the scene. (This is a requirement of the Holy Order of Church Mice). She sees this as her service to God, a talent she accepts with thanksgiving as part of a team. She respects the liturgy of the Episcopal Church, its dignity and tradition. With her partners in preparing the Altar for the clergy and congregants, Sue doesn't count the hours it takes to properly do the job.

Two years ago, Sue face major surgery and prolonged recuperation. Thankfully, healing ahs occurred, and she was and still is aware of the support that St. Paul's parishioners gave her in her hour of need. (St. Paul's does have many caring Church Mice!)

*The Rev. Richard Davies*

Outreach Update continued—

## **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 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 or at home, 412-833-2164.

*Pat Eagon Stafford*

# Youth Happenings

Every year St. Paul's youth give up a week of their summer to attend a mission trip to somewhere in the country. We have traveled to Charleston, Richmond, York, Erie, and now St. Paul, MN. In an ideal world our youth would be able to go and serve others on these mission trips without a financial cost; the only cost to them would be their time. Unfortunately, the world we live in requires there to be costs associated with the mission trip. Each month we do one fundraiser to help cover the costs for these wonderful youth who want to serve. The fundraisers we will be doing this year are a Sweetheart Brunch, Peace Love and Little Donuts, the Annual Dance-till-you-Drop, Chick-fil-A, Max and Erma's, and several carwashes. As you may have guessed, our fundraiser for February is none other than the Sweetheart Brunch.

The Missioner's Sweetheart Brunch is Sunday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The menu will be coffee, tea, apple juice, egg frittata, sausage, ham, waffles, whipped cream, toppings, fruit, assorted pastries and brownie bites. The prices are: adult - \$8, ages 3-10 \$5, 2 and under free, family \$20. We will be selling tickets during the coffee hours on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall/Undercroft. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Steve at [shill@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:shill@stpaulspgh.org) or 412-531-7153 x18.

No matter what the fundraiser, the youth who are going on the trip are always willing to help out and do as much as they can (we know their schedules are busy). Weeks of preparation go into each fundraiser, and the youth do a spectacular job with each one. I would hate for the kids to put so much time and energy into a great fundraiser, only to have it not be attended by the parish. Please, as often as you can, come and support the great efforts put on by the wonderful youth of St. Paul's!

The last Sunday in February, the 27<sup>th</sup> the youth of St. Paul's will all gather to attend worship at the Refuge service at 6 p.m. This service allows free expression and worship in one's own style throughout the evening, and lots of hard work goes into this service. The youth will be attending to experience this unique service, if they haven't already. I hope all of you will also join us for this great service!

Thank you to everyone, youth and adult alike, who has helped out with any of the activities we have done. From drivers to chaperones, donations to volunteers, every little thing helps us out, and to you I give my sincere thanks. Without all of you, this program would not be possible!

*Steve Hill*

## Children & Youth Events

- 2 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break
- 6 - **Sunday**
  - Souper Bowl of Caring collection:** all services
  - 8:45 service:** Scout Sunday
  - 9:30 am** Sunday School
  - 6:00 pm** Jr. EYC Super Bowl Party at the Brown's
- 7 - **Monday, 6 - 8 pm:** JR EYC Study break
- 9 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break
- 13 - **Sunday**
  - 9:00 am** Sweetheart Brunch
  - 9:30 am** Sunday School
- 14 - **Monday, 6 - 8 pm:** JR EYC Study break
- 16 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break
- 20 - **Sunday**
  - 9:30 am** Sunday School
- 21 - **Monday:** NO JR EYC
- 23 - **Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm:** SR EYC Study break
- 27 - **Sunday**
  - 9:30 am** Sunday School
  - 6:00 pm** Youth Worship at Refuge
- 28 - **Monday, 6 - 8 pm:** JR EYC Study break

# Nursery School Board of Trustees

The St. Paul's Episcopal Nursery School Board of Trustees is currently seeking church members who would be interested in serving a two year board term beginning September 2011. St. Paul's Episcopal Nursery School is a NAEYC Accredited half day preschool serving children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years of age. St. Paul's is also a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

The Nursery School was originally founded by a group of St. Paul's parishioners along with The Rev. Dale Doren, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in 1957. According to the school's by-laws at least 51% of the trustees must be members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

We are particularly interested in people with backgrounds in education, psychology, law, finance, medicine, and communications. If you would be interested in serving as a trustee, please contact Jane Adams, director of the school at jadams@stpaulspgh.org or Melissa Stalder, nominating chair at msstalder@verizon.net.

We have a number of positions to fill this year as many of our current trustees' terms are up. If you think you would enjoy volunteering for the church/preschool in this capacity, or would like to know more about the time or work commitment please feel free to contact either Jane Adams or Melissa Stalder.

<b>Statement of Operations</b>	<b>Year-to-</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>December 2010</b>	<b>December Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
Stewardship	\$75,104	\$644,025
Worship	23,697	38,443
Property	2,362	23,405
Interest /Misc.	5,008	17,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106,171</b>	<b>\$723,259</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Stewardship	\$402	\$1,503
Spiritual Growth	10	305
Worship	2,546	15,511
Outreach	1,435	69,624
Fellowship	(87)	(792)
Pastoral	18	607
Communications	45	2,022
Property	8,996	94,225
Personnel	39,293	495,891
Executive	1,506	38,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,164</b>	<b>\$717,108</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>\$52,007</b>	<b>\$6,151</b>
<b>less: debt principal payment</b>	<b>(1,518)</b>	<b>(17,678)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$50,489</b>	<b>(\$18,074)</b>

**New at St. Paul's**

**Overwhelmed Moms' Group**  
meeting in a relaxed supportive setting!



The agenda is determined by the participants and may include a variety of opportunities to gain resources and connections to others.

**Who**

Moms experiencing Post Partum Challenges

**When**

Third Monday of each month  
from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Where**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
(in the Lounge)

**Contact Leaders**

Paula and Erin  
877.647.4373 ext 710  
supportgroups@parentresourcenetwork.org



# February Announcements

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



## Sunday, February 6, 2011

Support the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as they participate in the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving! Youth will be collecting at every service. Plan to donate generously. All proceeds benefit local food banks.

**Food Pantry Weekend is February 5-6.** Every parishioner is asked to bring to the altar, after the offering, an additional food offering for the South Hills Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items as well as soap and paper products are needed and most welcome. Those that have received our contributions in the past are very grateful.

**Lydia Circle will meet Thursday, February 3 at 10 a.m.** in the Lounge. Barbara Bachman will tell of her experience at the Miami Antiques Road Show. Please bring a treasure of yours to share with us. All women of St. Paul's are invited to attend.

**Claudia Circle will meet on Thursday, February 3, at 1:00 p.m.** in the lounge. Two of our members, Joan Kubancek and Joan Craft, will be joined by their dogs, Kate and Skipper. The four of them will present a program on pet therapy. This is sure to be a fun and informative afternoon, as they all share with us their experiences in hospitals and nursing homes. All women of the church are welcome to come.

**Blood Pressure Clinic continues Sunday, February 13** — Between the 8:45 and 10:30 service and following the 10:30 service, Mica Van Fossen, a registered nurse and member of St Paul's will be available to check blood pressure. 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.

**Book Club meets Friday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Lounge. The book is selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

**Pickwick Boys' Lunch is Thursday, February 17** at Olive Garden. The Rev. Canon Davies is the host. Call him at 412-489-3795.

**The Dickens' Dames Lunch**—in lieu of the regular luncheon, the women of St. Paul's have invited The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker (Nano) to speak on February 24. We will meet in the Undercroft for a pot luck luncheon at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**Yoga Class**—Parishioner Aimee Lamendola teaches Yoga class every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the back of the Parish Hall/Undercroft. Cost is \$10 per class. Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions, please call Aimee at 412-496-5638.

**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.

**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.

**MT Snow Shoveling Service**—The Missioners of the 2011 Mission Trip are offering a new service to everyone in the parish. We will shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalk. All you have to do is call or email to Steve at 412-531-7153 x18 and he will send 2-3 missioners to shovel. All donations benefit the 2011 Mission Trip.

**Episcopal Relief and Development Donation Day:** On the weekend of March 5-6, we will celebrate ERD. This will be a donation day and Lenten Devotion books will be available as a gift from ERD as you prepare for Ash Wednesday on March 9.

## Important Dates for March

*Mark your calendars! Watch your bulletin and all-parish email for more details*

### Saturday, March 5

Kenyon College Chamber Singers Recital

### Sunday, March 6

- ERD Donation Day
- Calvary Camp Celebration

### Tuesday, March 8

Shrove Tuesday

### Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

### Friday, March 18

Fish Fry

### Saturday, March 26

Rummage Sale

### Sunday, March 27

2nd Grade Eucharistic Celebration

...find **Refuge** A multi-sensory  
Sundays at 6pm worship experience  
A Dark Winter of Light

## Parish Updates

### Birth Announcements

**Isla Carol Johnston**

Born on Monday, January 10, 2011  
Daughter of Holly and Doug Johnston  
Granddaughter of parishioner Pam Clister  
Niece of parishioner Lisa Brown and  
Cousin of parishioners Zack and Stephanie Brown

### Baptism Announcements Sunday, January 9, 2011

**Grace Autumn Query and  
Emmett William Query**

Children of parishioners James & Jennifer Query

**Adele James Walsh**

Daughter of parishioners James & Heidi Walsh

**Fiona Nicole Young**

Daughter of parishioners William & Dana Young

**Matthew Charles Diana**

Son of parishioners Paul and Julie Diana

### Engagement Announcement

**Kris Opat and Shauna McInnes**

Mark your calendar...

**March 8  
Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**



Hosted by the 7th Grade Confirmation Class  
Watch for details in your bulletin!

### Death Announcements

**Yvonne Wilkins**

Niece of parishioners Dennis and Theresa Wilkins,  
Cousin of parishioner Sarah Wilkins  
Thursday, December 23, 2010

**Felix Dzubinski**

Father of parishioner Michele Galati (spouse of Joseph Galati)  
And grandfather of parishioner Mario Galati  
Monday, December 27, 2010

**Timothy Gilfoyle**

Cousin of parishioner Kelly Johnson  
Tuesday, January 4, 2011

**John Pattison**

Dear friend of parishioner Kelly Johnson  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

## Calling all Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts!



Join us for Scout Sunday  
at the 8:45 service on  
February 6!



Please wear your uniform!

Adult leaders and former Scouts  
are also encouraged to attend!

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## February 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>

Offices will be closed Monday, February 21 in honor of Presidents' Day.

## Important Dates

Friday/Saturday, February 4-5  
Vestry Retreat

**Sunday, February 6**  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
Scout Sunday  
EYC Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 13**  
Sweetheart Brunch

**Sunday, February 20**  
Katy Williams Concert

**Monday, February 21**  
Presidents' Day  
Office Closed  
Parent Resource Network

**Sunday, February 27**  
Worship Exploration

Sunday February 6

