

Outreach

Local and National Projects

Shepherd's Heart

Once a month, hot meals are prepared by parishioners, then transported and served at Shepherd's Heart to approximately 150 low-income men, women and families, some of whom are homeless, some of whom just need a warm meal. In the

summer months, we host cookouts, giving the guests a small taste of normal life. This ministry draws on the skills of many parishioners, allowing cooks to show off their skills, others to drop off home-baked cookies, some to donate cash and others to be willing servers. We also provide personal care items and requested items of clothing.

Operation Safety Net

On scheduled days and on a 48-hour call schedule, we provide 100 meals for guests at the Severe Weather Shelter at United Church of Christ, downtown when the temperature falls below 25 degrees. In addition, St. Paul's members prepare and donate breakfast bags for the homeless.

South Hills and Interfaith Food Pantries

St. Paul's collects food and monetary contributions as part of a multi-church effort to provide food to needy families in the South Hills. This program, led by Ed and June Hanraty, has been very successful, thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's parishioners. The first Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Sunday, when donations are blessed on the altar.

Habitat for Humanity & Re-Sale Store

When projects are available, St. Paul's parishioners and friends travel one Saturday each month to Washington County Habitat for Humanity for construction projects on homes being built there for the needy. This year, we also helped with funding for a Diocesan Habitat project. For construction events, no special skills are required, and all are encouraged to contribute their labors. Washington County Habitat for Humanity also operates the Renovation Station, which sells used building materials and home improvement items. Parishioners have donated used appliances, kitchen cabinets, electrical and plumbing fixtures, and many other items.



Home Delivered Meals

This is an ongoing community service, sponsored by Life Span (a state and county approved agency) and coordinated by June Hanraty. Meals are packaged for delivery at the Hillsdale Sr. Center in Dormont, picked up at the Senior Center every Tuesday morning and delivered to homebound persons in the Mt. Lebanon area.

East Liberty Family Health Care Center

St. Paul's provides monetary and professional support to this organization whose mission is to provide healthcare to the needy. In December, our Christmas carol sing-a-long participants generously donate gifts to the children who receive care through the East Health Center.

Nursery School

The Nursery School offers a NAEYC accredited pre-school for children between 18 months and five-years-of-age. We also offer consultation and education programs for parents, as well as vision, speech and hearing screening for children. Tuition assistance is available based on financial need. We also integrate children with a variety of special needs by working in conjunction with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and UPMC. Parents and children collect food for the South Hills Food Pantry as well as school supplies and a monetary donations for the Blessed Mustard Seed Babies' Home in Uganda, Africa.



Episcopal Relief & Development



St. Paul's plays a major role in ERD in our Diocese and in our National Church. The Diocesan coordinator is Jaquelyn Och. Mary Sweeney is our Parish Representative. The goals of ERD are to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger (*Matthew 25:37-40*). We do this by funding programs that alleviate hunger and improve the food supply, create economic opportunities and strengthen communities, promote health and fight disease and respond to disasters by providing immediate and long-term relief.

Community Groups

St. Paul's offers meeting space to many non-profit organizations, such as Girl Scouts, Community Bible Study, Stepping Stones (Al-Anon), Women for Sobriety and Mood Support.



Episcopal Church Women

The ECW avidly participates in the outreach efforts of St. Paul's. ECW raises funds for and contributes to many worthy organizations and groups including Calvary Camp, Camp Healing Hearts, hospices, health clinics, and many other causes.

Canterbury Fair

This biennial extravaganza supports the ECW outreach budget by offering handmade items, auctions, gift baskets and specialty foods.

Claudia Circle Rummage Sale

This annual event also makes a significant monetary contribution to ECW's outreach budget.

Church Periodical Club

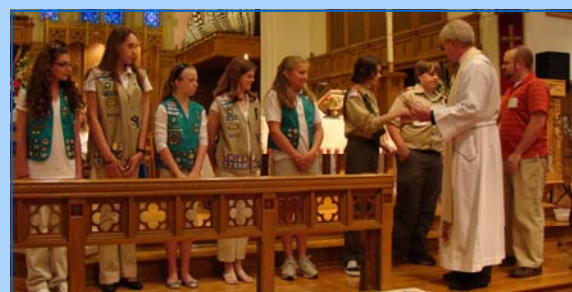
ECW oversees our participation in the National Church Periodical club began in 1888. We support the National Book Fund and "Mile of Pennies" for children's literature. There is a jar in the office for pennies. We also donate books for children to the East Liberty Family Health Care Center. Recently we added the "Pass It On" program to support the Seaman's Church Institute. Gently used books are collected and distributed to inland river mariners; along with Christmas boxes with small gifts and hand-knit hats.

United Thank Offering

Since 1889, the ECW has coordinated United Thank Offering collections. What we give represents all the blessings God has given us. This money will go to those less fortunate in the world so that they may have a better way of life.

Samuel J Foundation

This organization, founded in memory of parishioner Samuel Johnson (son of Kelly Johnson and brother of Rachel, Carly and Max) who died at age 3 from a brain tumor, supports the needs of pediatric cancer patients at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



Mission Trips

Our young people and their adult sponsors participate in national mission trips to assist needy communities and charitable organizations with their projects. Each year parishioners support both a youth mission trip and a young adult mission trip. The recipient communities are very appreciative of the work, the time, the donations and the contribution of our young people.



Projects Abroad

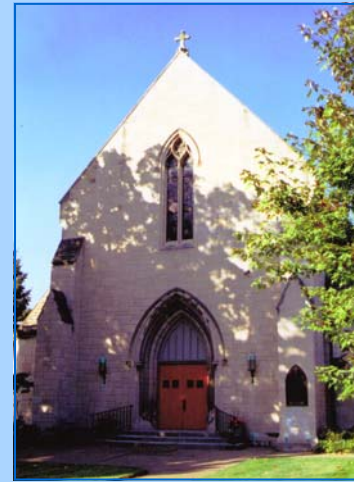
Amani Children's Home

St. Paul's provides financial support to the Amani Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania. Jan and Jeanette Smith serve as our liaison with the home in the past.



Mission Trip to Uganda

This is led by the Rev. Kathy LaLonde and her husband, Wally. (Kathy and Wally were parishioners until Kathy was called to serve as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's, Kittanning). Parishioner Pat Hurd also made the trip to Uganda, focusing on Vacation Bible School, reading encouragement, building maintenance, and bringing the love of Christ to the children and staff of the orphanage. St. Paul's continues to support the Babies Home through monetary donations and the sponsorship of a number of the 55 orphaned children who reside there.



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Imagine the Possibilities! Outreach



Outreach opportunities at St. Paul's are limited only by our imaginations, time, and money. The Outreach Commission oversees a number of projects, while other organizations in the parish also contribute to the overall outreach effort. St. Paul's parishioners have made significant contributions to many outreach efforts in the past year despite a lack of funding in the parish budget for outreach projects.

The Outreach Commission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church functions for the greater glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His Name, we offer opportunities and encouragement for every member of the St. Paul's family to contribute their time, talent and treasure in the service of their fellow man through personal involvement in a worthy outreach cause. We believe that by giving we receive, therefore the Outreach Commission also evaluates opportunities for sharing the material and spiritual wealth of St. Paul's faithful with worthy organizations and individuals using the biblical tithe as our standard.

Lord, when was it that
We saw you hungry and gave you food?
We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?
We saw you a stranger and welcomed you?
We saw you sick and took care of you?
We saw you in prison and visited you?
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25: 37-40