

SUMMER @ ST. PAUL'S

It's been a long winter and an even longer pandemic year, and we're so eager to reconnect with each other. Now that the weather has turned and vaccinations are plentiful, join us as we celebrate a return to being together in person as a community again.

Here's a sampling of events you can look forward to this summer:

- A variety of **worship opportunities**, including Sunday worship on the lawn May 23rd at 10 a.m., and May 30th at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- A **Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing** on Wednesdays in June at 6 p.m. in Tucker Hall.
- Our regular Wednesday Holy Eucharist service returns in July at 6 p.m. in St. Martin's Chapel.
- **Holy Hiking Groups:** Explore the surrounding Metroparks, get to know other members of St. Paul's, invite your friends, and worship God in nature!
- **Concert series** throughout the summer featuring our own musicians as well as musicians from around the community
- Ongoing online **small group classes, Bible studies**, and more
- **Beach Day:** Join us for worship on the beach followed by fun in the sun and splashing in Lake Erie
- **Lawn Game Day:** We're inviting the neighborhood for a day of fellowship and games on the St. Paul's lawn. Invite your friends!
- A **yoga class series** in August exploring how our Christian faith can be deepened through a yoga practice
- And so much more!

All gatherings will observe the latest COVID-19 safety regulations. Events and details will be updated as planning continues. Check out our website for current information: StPauls-Church.org/Summer2021



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Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

Newcomers

We continue to welcome visitors to St. Paul's in person and digitally. Invite your friends to church by sharing our videos with them. It's an easy way to help spread the word and our story. Visitors can fill out a Welcome Card on our website to get more information about the church by clicking "Visit."

Online Edition

Need a specific link? Or do you want to see the photos in color? Head on over to our website!

stpauls-church.org/connect/download

FROM THE EDITOR LIVESTREAMING FAQ

As we move to livestreaming, we felt it was important to compile and answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

What are the advantages of livestreaming?

Live video is immediate, authentic, and interactive. It's ideal for maintaining a sense of community, and extending our community to the world. Viewers are able to comment, type "Amen," and add their own intercessions and prayers.

How do I get direct links to the service?

The links to the service will come to you in the Thursday e-newsletter, *This Week @ St. Paul's*, and are available on our website's homepage for the week.

You may also access the videos directly from our YouTube (youtube.com/c/StPaulsCle) or our Facebook pages (facebook.com/StPaulsCle). These links are at the bottom of our website, too.

Can people who don't have a Facebook profile watch a video on our Facebook page?

Yes, anyone can view our videos and posts on Facebook. Facebook will ask you to sign in, but all you have to do is click "Not Now." However, only those logged into a Facebook account can interact with the video.

If I don't watch live, can I still watch the video?

Absolutely! While the service is broadcasted, YouTube & Facebook are recording — kind of like a DVR or TiVo. You can watch, rewatch, and share the link to watch our services at any time.

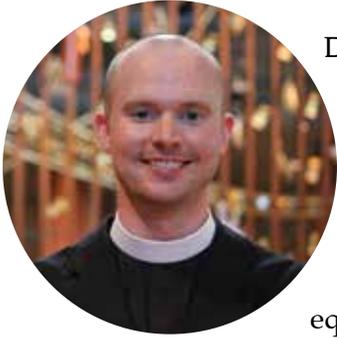
Will the congregation be visible on the livestream?

It's possible that members of the congregation will be visible on the livestream. Those who are not comfortable with their image and likeness being broadcasted should speak to a clergy person or an usher and ask for a seat that will be out of view.

ACT II: The relocated shop opens for in-person shopping beginning May 23rd. The committee is completing the schedule for regular hours. In the meantime, call ahead for an appointment or questions: (216) 932-4221

CLERGY REFLECTION

MEET REV. JOHN KENNEDY



Dear People of St. Paul's,

When Jeanne offered me a place on your clergy team back in February, I felt like I had won the jackpot. There wasn't a doubt in my mind as to what my response would be. Even though it meant moving from Connecticut to Cleveland (a city I had never visited!), it was clear that St. Paul's is a special community. It was equally clear that I felt called to grow and serve among you.

Having been here for a few weeks now, I can say that the experience has been one of grace upon grace. The welcome and warmth I have received has amazed me and I've come to understand the reputation Midwesterners have for kindness!

I come to you by way of the Kent School where I was a chaplain following graduation from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, where Jessie and Brandon also attended. Before that, I worked in youth ministry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, CT where the Rev. Peter Walsh, known to many here as a former Associate Rector of St. Paul's, is now Rector. St. Mark's sponsored me for ordination and Peter has been a most valued and transformational mentor to me for ten years and counting. Remaining on the east coast is my partner Emma, a PhD student in theology at Boston College. She will visit this summer and looks forward to seeing St. Paul's and meeting this wonderful community she is hearing so much about.

My work here will focus on adult formation as well as support to youth and children's ministries, and this brings together two areas of particular relevance to my interests and experience. In addition to my previous work with youth at Kent School and St. Mark's, I am passionate about spiritual practices and disciplines that engage and integrate the whole person — spirit, soul, body, and mind — and through which we come to a direct and ever-deepening knowledge and love of God.

It has been a joy to meet many of you virtually and some of you in person, and I look forward to meeting many more of you as the months ahead unfold. Until then, please feel free to reach out and say hello!

Grace and peace,

John+

FROM THE RECTOR

STAFFING UPDATES



With family moving back to Cleveland and another grandchild on the way, **Marge LoPresti**, our Pastoral Care Associate, has decided that now is the right time for her to retire. We will miss her in this role! However, I'm delighted that she will continue to be a parishioner in our parish community. Over the past ten years, Marge has forged ties with our Judson community, facilitated our Contemplative Prayer and Intercessory Prayer Groups, overseen our Stephen Ministry, trained our Pastoral Visitors, offered support and guidance to our Clergy, and made countless pastoral visits to our parishioners. I am so grateful for the many gifts she has shared with St. Paul's and am grateful for our time together as colleagues. Over the coming weeks, we will transition her responsibilities to our clergy team. Please offer Marge your gratitude and thanks. We will celebrate her at our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 20.

We have another staffing change this summer. **Susan Peterson**, our Administrative Assistant, has chosen to accept another position in the area, which fits more closely with her skills and interests. We have benefited greatly from Susan's organizational skills and creativity over the span of almost two years. Susan was integral to our transition to our Realm database. She has produced countless bulletins and acknowledgement letters, organized the library in Tucker Hall (not to mention cabinets, drawers, shelves, and closets around the church), and assisted us with graphic design projects. We will miss her! Susan's last day will be June 14. The staff will gather the week before to celebrate her time with us.



I am delighted to announce that we have found a new Administrative Assistant. **Jenni Thomas** will be joining us on June 9, allowing time for her to learn about the various responsibilities of the position before Susan's last day. For eight years, Jenni was the Communications Manager at Park Synagogue in Pepper Pike. Her responsibilities included writing and designing their monthly newsletter, managing their website and social media, photographing events, and designing a variety of brochures, flyers, and marketing materials. Most recently, Jenni has been working at Dunn Hardware as their Inventory Manager. Along with communications, design, and customer service experience, Jenni brings exceptional strengths in interpersonal skills, organization, advanced software skills, and grammar and proofreading. While we will miss Susan, we are excited that Jenni is joining our staff team.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these changes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne+".

Jeanne+

MARGE LOPRESTI

HONORING STEPHEN MINISTRIES

In 2005, St. Paul's launched its first class of twelve Stephen Ministers to aide the clergy in the pastoral care needs of the parish. Barbara Driscol and Arlene Mann, along with other trained Stephen Ministry leaders, went on to train five more classes – resulting in over sixty trained Stephen Ministers.

Over the years, Stephen Ministers have provided emotional and spiritual support to over 150 parishioners through one-on-one caring relationships during times when they were experiencing difficulties in life. The training is a tremendous commitment: sixty hours of class work over a six-month period, with an agreement to remain in the program for at least two years.

The last class we commissioned was in 2015. Ministries are cyclical and depend on the interests and skills of the parishioners. Annually, over the past five years, Jeanne and I have worked hard to field a new class of Stephen Ministers, but have been unsuccessful. We seemed to have reached a natural end to this particular form of lay pastoral ministry. We do still have a few matches of care givers and care receivers, which will continue. However, without new classes of parishioners desiring to participate in the necessary training, ongoing education and leadership of Stephen Ministry, we need to honor the cyclical nature of ministry and look to other models of lay pastoral ministry.

The Stephen Ministers are having a gathering to celebrate this ministry. It has been my privilege to work with so many dedicated and caring people. We give thanks for this ministry at St. Paul's. — *Marge LoPresti*



EPISCOPAL PROGRAM RELAUNCHED!

Part of the St. Paul's Newcomer Council, every St. Paul's newcomer is offered an EpiscoPal for their first year here. Existing parishioner Pals get to know the newcomer, invite them to events, and welcome them into our parish life. Would you like an EpiscoPal? Contact Jessie at jdodson@stpauls-church.org and she'll give you more information. Read more about one of our EpiscoPal pairs below.



Jim Pintner

James (Jim) Pintner, a native Clevelander, is a retired widower who lived in Silicon Valley, California, for 30 years. Last fall, he sold his house and returned to Cleveland to reunite with his 96-year-old mother, Mary Kortyna, and his sister, Barbara

Senty. Jim's roots in Cleveland go deeper still, as he's a graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He later earned a law degree from the University of Miami, while living and working in Florida during the 1980s. From then until retirement, Jim worked as a patent attorney.

Jim discovered the Episcopal Church, and was confirmed, while living and working in D.C. His first home parish, Grace Church in Silver Spring, MD, introduced him to the Anglican choral singing tradition, and also gave him a chance to play in his church's handbell choir. After he moved to California in 1992, he met his future wife Ann while singing in the Masterworks Chorale in San Mateo. Jim and Ann married in Trinity Cathedral (Diocese of El Camino Real) in downtown San Jose, and later attended St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga.

For 22 years he sang in numerous Bay area choruses, including the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and participated in about a dozen commercial recordings, including a multiple Grammy-winning recording of Mahler's Symphony No. 8.

Sadly, Ann died of a heart ailment three years ago. With retirement age approaching, Jim decided to relocate. The pandemic seemed the perfect time for him to make the clean break, move, and then have lots of sheltering-in-place time to unpack. Jim now lives in the Fernway neighborhood of Shaker Heights. He

remembers seeing St. Paul's earlier in life, but had never been inside until October, 2019, when he visited Cleveland for a week and attended a Sunday service.

We're so glad Jim found his way back to Cleveland!



Mark Souther

Mark Souther made his way to Cleveland by way of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Gainesville, Georgia.

Moving here in 2003, he began his professorship at

Cleveland State University, where

he still serves on faculty in the history department. He specializes in twentieth-century U.S., urban, and digital histories. When not teaching and writing books, you can find Mark at home in Cleveland Heights with his wife Stacey (chair of our Newcomer Council), their daughter Keely, and their cat Prince.

Raised in the Methodist Church, Mark discovered the Episcopal Church in college. After moving to Cleveland, Mark and Stacey attended a few different churches before finding St. Paul's — initially drawn here for the children's programming. Ever since their first Sunday, they found their spiritual home here in our "warm and inviting" community. Mark commented that he loves how this is a "large church," working to "offer a place for anyone, no matter whether one wants only to show up for services or participate more fully in its tremendous range of programs, events, and ministries."

Mark does his part to make sure our church stays busy, warm, and inviting. It won't take long before you find yourself interacting with him in several ministry areas. Mark has served as a Hospitality Host and is a frequent participant in our Sunday Adult Forums. Currently, he serves on our Vestry and has just begun his ministry as an EpiscoPal.

Just like his EpiscoPal Jim, Mark is an avid musician. Not only does he play trumpet, he also serves a board president of the University Heights Symphonic Band — one of seven national semi-finalists for the 2021 American Prize in Band/Wind Ensemble Performance, Community Division. He invites the church community to come see them play!

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

MISSION: ORGANIZATION

In early summer last year, with the church closed and my workload diminished, I was looking for a new project at St. Paul's to keep me busy through the pandemic. I had passed by the library on the balcony of Tucker Hall many times and hadn't looked too closely, but I knew it could use a guiding hand. Before moving to Cleveland, I had worked for five years in a college library, so I felt well-prepared to tackle this small library.

Over the next six months, the library became my spare-time project. There was little organization to begin with – the books were functionally in random order – so I spent time surveying the books that were there and establishing the major categories. These categories are: Bible, Biblical & Church History, Church Practices, Theology, Contemporary Christian Issues, Spirituality & Prayer, Religion, Classics, Biography, Family & Parenting, and Children's. In the sorting process, each major division and

subdivision was marked with a sticky note, as I was continually arranging, rearranging, and renaming the sections to make the best use of the space.

Once everything was in place and I had sorted out irrelevant and outdated books, I added colored dots to the spine of each book to correspond to the section in which they belonged. This was another long and sometimes tedious task, but the color-coding helped achieve my overall goal of making the library as easy as possible to navigate and keep organized. Each major division has a sign listing the subdivisions within it, which are marked off with colored dividers matching the stickers on the books.

My hope is that this freshly-organized library will benefit the St. Paul's community, supplying resources not readily available in a public library. I invite you to browse through the academic works, devotionals, children's storybooks, and much more, to enrich your faith and engage your mind. — Susan Peterson



The Book Nook

Global Mission Action Group (GMAG) maintains a small lending library on the second floor of Tucker Hall called the Book Nook (opposite of the relocated library). It has books of interest to the families of those serving in the Armed Services and an ample collection of books about GMAG's mission partner countries: South Africa, Tanzania, Honduras, El Salvador, Nepal, and Russia. The group recently added three new books to the collection. When it is safe for parishioners to

enter the building, you are encouraged to borrow books! If you would like to borrow a book sooner, contact Bonnie Bolton (bbolton20@yahoo.com) or Ann Farmer (annfarmer3@gmail.com) to arrange contact-free pickup.

- *Horizons of Mission* by Titus Presler (2001)
- *Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference* by Titus Presler (2010)
- *Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-term Missions with Cultural Intelligence* by David A. Livermore (2013)



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