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MORNING PRAYER

Worship Update

From Our Clergy

Since the introduction of the current Prayer Book in 1979, the service of Holy Eucharist has been recognized as “the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day” in the Episcopal Church, replacing the service of Morning Prayer. In deference to the worshippers who retained a strong affection for Morning Prayer, St. Paul’s has continued a monthly observance of Morning Prayer at the 11:15 service for many years. After prayerful consideration, the clergy have decided the time has come to end this practice and we will now celebrate the Holy Eucharist at all Sunday services. More than 40 years have passed since the introduction of the current Prayer Book and the weekly sharing of the sacramental meal now resides firmly at the heart of our communal life. Although it no longer has a place in our Sunday corporate worship, Morning Prayer, which is part of the Prayer Book’s Daily Office, can be a wonderful tool to enrich one’s personal devotions. The clergy would be happy to speak to anyone interested in incorporating the Daily Office into their life of prayer.

Cover Photos

This issues cover photos are some of our favorite pics in May. Highlights include our Senior Choir, Senior Saints Luncheon, the Fair Trade Fair put on by our Youth, and our Baccalaureate Sunday Preachers.

Our Open Doors Success Story

Pam O'Halloran

What began 30 years ago as a creative and positive response to unattended youth wandering into the church on their way home from school has grown into Open Doors Academy — an enormously impactful non-profit organization with 13 locations in N.E. Ohio and two in Lima. At St. Paul's, ODA has continually served students from Roxboro Middle School, including throughout the COVID pandemic when the church served as an all-day remote learning center while schools were closed.

This past fall, when schools reopened after 18 months of disruption, the ODA program went through a rebuilding period. Only 8 scholars (as they are referred to by Open Doors) were initially enrolled for the St. Paul's site in September, significantly down from past years. Through the energetic and dedicated leadership of the new Site Coordinators, Cece and Delores, the program has grown to 28 students. And as an onsite observer of the program for over 12 years, I can say that this is one of the best groups of students and leaders that we've ever seen! It has been a joy and a privilege to welcome them into the church every afternoon at 3 p.m.



Through my office window, I hear the enthusiastic voices of the scholars and leaders as they walk down the church drive together each day. Once in the church, they gather in the dining room for a healthy snack and some “downtime”. Afternoons are filled with a combination of supervised study and organized activities. These can range from basketball in the parking lot, to games in the classrooms or hallways, to group projects, to field trips. Their group projects have been inventive and fun. My favorites have been the Business Pitch Challenge (Rev. Brandon served as a judge), a Science Olympiad where they built

marble roller coasters out of foam, and an International Fest where they learned about different cultures and presented foods, clothing, and arts that represented those cultures. Just recently, teams made candles and chocolate-covered pretzels and sold them at the Van Aken Saturday market. They do not sit still for long!

Open Doors will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this fall and will be honoring St. Paul's with its Illuminary Award at an event on October 15. Please stay tuned for more information about the event and about other ways we will be celebrating this amazing St. Paul's success story.

Keeping Our Priorities Straight

The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach



Dear Parish Family,

Hello! It's good to be back with you! I am grateful for the time away and, indeed, I feel renewed in my ministry with you. My trip to the Holy Land in February was transformational. Some of you

saw my presentation at the Adult Forum on May 22. I'm sure my experiences will find their way into my preaching over the coming months. In addition to this trip, Gary and I made several weekend trips to visit with family and spent some time at the beach in South Carolina. I read many good books, perhaps most importantly, Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*. Excellent – more to come on that read. I even made progress on a long-term needlepoint project (that had been interrupted by a broken wrist in 2020 and wedding planning in 2021). All good – thank you for the time and resources! My thanks to the Staff for carrying on seamlessly while I was away and, in particular, for Jessie's leadership.

As I return from Sabbatical and we move into the season after Pentecost, this passage from Scripture, which we hear during this Ordinary Season, speaks to me (Matthew 6:25, 27): "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ... And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" I still have a vivid memory of meeting a friend for lunch within the week after I had received my cancer diagnosis. I remember feeling so grateful for something as simple as spending time with a friend, and hoping, that for whatever time I had left, I would remember this gratitude and appreciate the simple experiences of life that, as it turns out, are the most meaningful.

Returning from Sabbatical, I am experiencing a similar desire to remember. In this case, I hope to remember the peace and the productive energy that comes from keeping our priorities straight. Time of rest and renewal helps us put life in perspective, to remember our priorities. How often do we get bogged down, anxious, frustrated about how to implement some course of action – perhaps plans with family, or organizing an event with other volunteers, or carrying out new initiatives at work? Our faith-filled priority to cherish relationship, to live for one another, to listen and learn and enjoy one another gets sidetracked when differing opinions become obstacles versus avenues for better solutions, for richer experiences. I hope to always remember to put myself in the other person's shoes, to listen well to sort out differences, to allow the Holy Spirit to navigate conversations, to find the words that heal, to keep my heart open to clarity and creativity, to keep Christ's love the priority.

I am so grateful for the time I had away from my daily responsibilities. I hope you all will find time over the summer months for the rest and renewal that re-aligns and re-energizes our priorities.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

— *Philippians 4:6-7*

Jeanne +

Meet Andrew Pike

Andy Wheaton



Andrew Pike is one of many young people returning to their roots in the fertile soil of Northeast Ohio. After growing up in Mentor, spending time in Palo Alto, California and later New York City, Andrew found his way back to Akron in 2017. He later came further downstream the Cuyahoga to Cleveland where he resides in Shaker Heights today.

Andrew is also replanting his roots in The Episcopal Church. As a child, Andrew grew up in St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Mentor and later attended St. Hubert in Kirtland Hills. He was attracted to St. Paul's by the large size, volume of activities, and proximity to his home in Shaker Heights. To put it in his own words, St. Paul's is "an active congregation with a lot going on." As we continue to return to quasi-normalcy, Andrew looks forward to knowing more people in the parish and engaging in church activities, including The Young Adult Group.

Andrew works as a lawyer at Jones Day where he practices general commercial litigation. It was the law – for both work and school – that took him away and brought him back from Northeast Ohio. Andrew went to law school at Stanford and later worked at a law firm in NYC. It was a clerkship for a federal judge in Akron that brought him back to Northeast Ohio.

Andrew enjoys film photography (notice the camera in the photo ... if you can distract your eyes from the cute puppy!). Impressively, he develops his film himself. He enjoys taking photos of nature and the outdoors. When time allows, Andrew likes to work on his golf game, which he freely admits, could always use some work (same for all of us, Andrew!).



Hannah Koby

Hannah, who served as Interim Co-Director of Children's and Youth Choirs through the height of the pandemic, was recently appointed Organist and Choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She will also be working at Dickinson College in their music department as an instructor in organ and harpsicord. A deaconess student with the Lutheran Diaconal Association, Hannah spent a formative internship year in Germany with the ELCA Wittenberg Center in partnership with the LWF Center Wittenberg (Lutheran World Federation) after her time here at St. Paul's.

Around the Parish

Worship



Pentecost

Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m.

To celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian Church, we will hold one combined service at 10 a.m.

(no 7:45 a.m. service). Then join us afterward for a party out on the Fairmount Lawn for spirit-filled crafts and prayer stations for all ages.



Summer Worship Services

Beginning Sunday, June 12

7:45 a.m. | St. Martin's Chapel

9 a.m. | Fairmount Lawn

10:30 a.m. | Nave

Bluegrass Holy Eucharist

June 26, July 17, August 7, September 4, 9 a.m.

Outreach



Refugee Ministry Discernment

Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.

More than six million Ukrainian refugees have fled their country and the US has committed to welcoming 100,000.

Meanwhile, several hundred Afghans have already arrived in the Cleveland area. We have the opportunity to partner with a major resettlement agency to support refugees in our area. We will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8 in the Sanders Room to pray, reflect, read scripture and discern whether St. Paul's is called to launch a new ministry to refugees at this time. All are welcome. Please email Rev. Brandon to RSVP at bashcraft@stpauls-church.org.



Loaves & Fishes

Wednesday, June 8, 11:15 a.m., and Monday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.

The Loaves & Fishes ministry is now serving two meals a month: lunch at the 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter on the second Wednesday of the month and dinner at the Haven Home, a women and children's emergency shelter, on the fourth Monday of the month. All who are interested in preparing food or serving our guests should email Jeff and Carol Spero at cjmspero@gmail.com.



ACT II Jumble Sale

Starting Friday, June 24, 9 a.m.

The ACT II Shop is holding its semi-annual Jumble Sale on Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the dining room. You will find adult clothing and accessories, home decor items, housewares, vintage and modern pieces, and much more! Come fill a bag for just \$6. Cash preferred, credit accepted, and masks strongly encouraged. See you there!

Fellowship



Men's Council Annual Picnic

Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m.

All men of the parish are invited to Hunting Valley for the annual picnic. Food and drink are provided, and parking is available (carpooling is preferred). RSVP to Mike Kechisen, Men's Council President: kechisen@gmail.com.



Baseball Night Out

Friday, June 24, 7 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Men's Council at Progressive Field when the Guardians take on the Boston Red Sox. This year's game is Dollar Dog Night and is capped off with fireworks. We'll be sitting in the family section near the kid's clubhouse. Tickets are \$35 and can be bought in advance at: www.menofstpauls.org.



Holy Hiking

June 25, July 23, and August 27, 9:30 a.m.

Lace-up your hiking boots for an exploration of our local parks with our church community. We'll pause mid-way through our hike to share in a brief service of Holy Eucharist, overlooking God's creation. Mark your calendars for the following Saturday hikes, all beginning at 9:30 a.m.

June 25 | Acacia Reservation

July 23 | Holbrook Hollows

August 27 | Brecksville Reservation

Contact Rev. Jessie to get more information and RSVP: jdodson@stpauls-church.org.



Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

The Women's and Men's Councils invite you, family, friends, and neighbors to the annual Ice Cream Social on the lawn from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We'll also have a bike decorating station for children to peddle around the church in style. So be sure to join us for a frozen treat and social time.

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Deadlines

For the July and August edition of Parish Notes, please notify Nathaniel Powell of any submissions as soon as possible. Submissions are due Monday, June 13: npowell@stpauls-church.org



Bellwether Together

Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14

All ages and life stages are invited to join the fun from Friday, August 12, to Sunday, August 14. Come relax with family and friends, enjoy delicious farm-fresh meals, walk along the river or explore the beautiful woods, try gentle yoga, arts and crafts, meet the farm animals, go for a swim, and enjoy rich conversations and a chance to connect in new ways with church friends. Accommodations range from comfortable bunk cabins that house up to 10 people, to fully-equipped hotel-style single and double retreat rooms. The facility is fully accessible, and program options are designed for all ages. Look for registration information in the coming weeks!

Music and Art



Summer Art Show

Now through August 4

Please join the Nicholson B. White Gallery Committee for the artists' reception of the Summer Art Show on Wednesday, June 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Featuring art from the residents of Judson Park and Judson Manor. Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. All are welcome, hope to see you there. The show runs through August 4.



Carillon Concert

Sunday, July 3, 6 p.m.

Join us for a festive Independence Day eve carillon concert on Sunday, July 3, at 6 p.m. Our resident carillonneur, David Osburn, will play a one-hour concert including such patriotic favorites as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Yankee Doodle," and more.



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Summer Worship Schedule

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