

St. Paul's Primetimers

April 2024 Newsletter

Our Mission:
Lifelong Learning

ABOUT

PRIMETIMERS

Organized 1986.
Programs or Day Trips:
Feb-May, Aug-Dec.
Fondren Hall in Jones
Building or Activity or
Youth Center in Sanc-
tuary Building.

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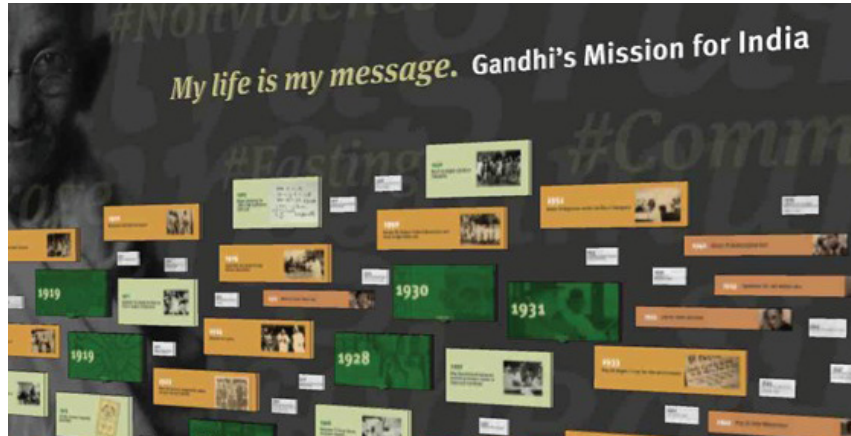
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Looking Ahead +
Steering Committee
pictures & Of Possible
Interest Elsewhere

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April 11: Tour Eternal Gandhi Museum

Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston (EGMH) is the first museum in the Americas dedicated to preserving and promoting Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution.

The culmination of the dreams and work of Indian native Atul Kothari and a cadre of like-minded individuals, the museum officially opened its doors to the public on August 15, 2023, with the Grand ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 2, the 154th anniversary of Gandhi's birth.

Events preceding this opening include a week-long city-wide celebration of Gandhi's birthday culminating with "1000 Lights for Peace."

Gandhi's transformative philosophy of nonviolence not only led to India's independence but inspired the civil rights movement and social justice movements across the globe.

The museum is "not about objects but for someone" —

inspiring champions of peace with each visitor. The goal is to encourage visitors to embrace these values in their own lives.

From the design of the building, the visitor experience, and the educational programming, the museum is the essence of Gandhi's teachings, highlighting his way of life.

The outer walls of the semi-circle-shaped museum depict various peace activists including Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Betty Williams. A statue of Gandhi stands in front of the museum.

At 9:30 am Thursday, April 11, St. Paul's Primetimers will go by church bus to the museum where a docent-led tour will be conducted. To ensure the correct number for the tour, please RSVP to stpaulshouston.org, indicating if you will be going by church bus or driving yourself. See column at right for other details, including the self-pay lunch and how to pre-pay for the tour.

Where

Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston at 12379 Riceville School Rd. 77031

When

Thursday, April 11. From St. Paul's, leave on church bus at 9:30am. Arrive back around 2 pm.

Costs/RSVP

\$10 for tour. After RSVP to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org, indicating if you will go in church bus or drive yourself, pay via www.stpaulshouston.org/give. Click on "Give Online" box. Select "Give One time." On pull-down menu select "Other/Event" and write PT April 2024

Payment can not be accepted at bus.

Self-pay lunch at McAlister's Deli (www.mcalistersdeli.com)

Questions?

Contact Rev. Melinda Owens via 713-528-0527 or mowens@stpaulshouston.org

FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 | 9 AM-1 PM | PLAZA
come and go

Come let us celebrate God's gracious work in creating the earth and all living things by learning about recycling, sustainability, playing games, and winning prizes!

Scan to learn more

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON **EMERGENCY AID COALITION**
 SPRING 2024
ART WALK
Sunday, April 21
9:30am-Noon | Plaza

All are invited to our 3rd annual art show celebrating artists from The Art Tent. The Art Tent creates a space for people experiencing homelessness to express themselves through visual art. Works of art by artists from our Fall 2023-Spring 2024 season will be displayed.

Please email Helen if you would like to Volunteer: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

Scan to volunteer or learn more

Join us on this Sunday designated as a Festival of God's Creation. Come let us celebrate God's gracious work in creating the earth and all living things by making flowers from recycling worship service bulletin paper, get a snack in a reusable container, learn about where to recycle, play a game, and win prizes!

Stop by the Plaza for the 3rd annual Art Walk featuring approximately 200 art pieces created by artists at The Art Tent. The Art Tent creates a space for Emergency Aid Coalition clients to express themselves through visual art. For more details, contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

If you or someone you know would like to receive this newsletter via email or the U.S. Postal Service — or both — please email Donna V. Adair via donna.adair@gmail.com.

Adult Helpers Needed at St. Paul's this Summer

June 10-14. *All Things Strings* Music Camp for ages 5 through 12. To find out how you can help, email susie@stpaulshouston.org
July 29-August 2. *Camp Firelight* Vacation Bible School for ages 4 through 5th grade. To find out how you can help, email kflint@stpaulshouston.org

St. Paul's Primetimers' Steering Committee Members

If you have program or day trip ideas or other suggestions or questions, please talk with any of the people below:



Moritza Day



Dave Estes



Brad Harmes



Cordelia Price



Larry Walters



Rev. Melinda Owens

Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 9

- Gathering: Organ Tour by Chris Betts, St. Paul's Director of Music
- Time/Place: 10:30am-1pm/Sanctuary

Thursday, August 8

- Gathering: Ice Cream Social and Table Games
- Time/Place: 2pm/Youth Center

Beyond

If you have any ideas for programs or day trips, please tell any of the steering committee members pictured above or email primetimers@stpaulshouston.org.

Of possible interest elsewhere

- **Dispose of pharmaceuticals ethically** on Drug Take Back Day April 27. Find your nearest location here: www.dea.gov/takebackday
- **Lunch with the Birds.** Wednesdays at noon through May 1 (repeats each migration season). Nature Discovery Center, 7112 Newcastle. Free; no RSVP necessary.
- **Houston Brick Archive Exhibit** at Julia Ideson Building Gallery through June 1. www.houstonlibrary.org/exhibits/exhibits/Houston-Brick-Archive
- **Board games, bad art, and more.** Houston Public Library branches throughout city. More info: www.calendar.houstonlibrary.org/calendar
- **Welcome to Our House Video Series.** Explore common elements of the diverse houses of worship in Greater Houston. www.imgh.org/welcome-to-our-house