



Pastor's Message

I love the Easter season and the resurrection songs that we sing. Spring is such of reminder of this



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald
Senior Pastor

because we see renewal all around us.

One of my favorite resurrection hymns talks about who we are as God's people and disciples of Jesus.

In 1979 William

M. James wrote *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*. The first verse is:
*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

— *United Methodist Hymnal, #304*

The Easter victory is about Christ's action in our lives – it means that the risen Christ is Lord of our lives right now, the Lord who is a servant. It enables us to have the mind of Christ within us, that we have been given a new heart and our spirit has been re-created to line up with a love of God and a love of our neighbor. It really means:

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the greatest holiday in the church. In the early church, every Sunday was a "little Easter" celebration. Let's keep on being Easter People!

Peace,
Jeff

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Class of 2019-20 to be Confirmed Holy Saturday

After approximately seven months of live-and-in-person classes, field trips, and a retreat in Galveston, COVID-19 sent the 2019-20 Confirmation class into virtual mode to end the year with Zoom classes and a retreat "at" Ole Moon.

Although the class was recognized in the April 26, 2020, live-steamed worship services, it was announced at that time that the live-and-in-person Confirmation service would be "conducted when it is safe to do so."

While still cautious, that service will be conducted on the Plaza on Holy Saturday, April 3, at 5 pm. Register to attend via www.stpaulshouston.org/holy or call the church at 713-528-0527 within these times: M-Th from 9 am to 2 pm or Friday from 9 am to noon. (See page 7 for class-member names.)

New Easter Banner to Debut

Ethereal banners have been a feature of St. Paul's Easter processions since they were created by Thomas Hardin in 2006, then a member of St. Paul's Choir and an architecture student at Rice University. That same year, he also presented to St. Paul's a fabric creation of the Stations of the Cross that often has been on display in the Chapel during Lent.

A architect in London since graduation, he has continued to remember St. Paul's, most recently with new ethereal Easter banners. (See photo at right.) They will debut this Easter in both the on-line and outdoor Easter worship services.

The needlepoint pillow in the Sacistry also was created by Hardin.

Photo at left: Thomas Hardin, right, and the late Sari Frey with the then-new Easter banners.



One of the new Easter procession banners created by Thomas Hardin.

Easter Offering Supports Ongoing Work of St. Paul's

Easter at St. Paul's is a season of gladness — joy in the risen Christ, delight in our worship, gratitude for the beauty of spring, and happiness in the fellowship of family and friends. After a year of isolation, the staff at St. Paul's has re-imagined Holy Week services and Easter Sunday in formats that will allow our congregants to be engaged and inspired both on-line and in person outdoors.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, St. Paul's continues to be the Body of Christ through outreach to the under-served and the marginalized in our community and congregation. Please do consider making an Easter offering — over and above your regular stewardship giving — that will enable St. Paul's to actively be the Body of Christ as we emerge from these extraordinary times.

To make an Easter offering, go to www.stpaulshouston.org/give or the St. Paul's app or mail your check to the church at 5501 Main St. Houston 77004.

Joel Trezell Named to New Associate Music Director Position

The Staff Parish Relations committee has approved the creation of the position of Associate Music Director, and Organ Scholar Joel Trezell will fill that role, beginning June 1.



Reporting to Music Director Christopher Betts, the associate director will serve as an organist and assistant director for St Paul's Choir, direct the Treble Choir, coordinate Royal School of Church Music activities for both children and adults, and develop music opportunities for young men and youth in our congregation.

The Director of Children's Choirs will transition to a part-time position, focusing on younger children's choirs, pre-K through age 10. A search committee headed by Kate Principe will recruit to fill this position; Susie Vanlandingham will continue to direct these choirs in the meantime.

In May Trezell will complete his Master of Music in Sacred Music at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. His graduate recital will be Friday, April 23, at 7:30 pm and will be live streamed on his Facebook page. Ben Kerswell will continue as Organ Scholar until August as he also continues his studies at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music toward a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance.

This restructuring enables Betts to grow and develop the music program in new ways compatible with our size and worship style. While these changes will incur no additional costs, they will allow St. Paul's to continue to strive for excellence in our worship while further strengthening our youth and children's music programs.

St. Paul's Blankets Assist COVID-impacted People

St. Paul's blankets are still available for purchase. These navy-and-green plaid blankets have a water-resistant layer of PVC backing, perfect for use as ground covers or picnic blankets — and they come with a Velcro attachment, handle, and side pocket.

Proceeds from these \$25 blankets will assist the St. Paul's Fe y Esperanza community with rent, utilities, and groceries. This community has been hit especially hard over the last year with COVID-related job losses and health issues.



A few of the similar all-navy blanket without the PVC backing are still available for \$20. To purchase either blanket, please contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org

HAPPY EARTH DAY!

CELEBRATE WITH BLESSING OF
ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY MISSION GARDEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, AT 10:30AM.

RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

Disaster Recovery Team in Action

The Disaster Recovery Team is usually in action the first Saturday of every month. Some post-Harvey work is ongoing, and new work is needed for those affected by the freeze.

1st Saturdays
8 am - 3 pm

Serve on a
Disaster Recovery Team

www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery

JOIN OUR TEAM TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS.
NO SKILLS NEEDED; TRAINING PROVIDED.

To be part of a team, sign up via the Sign-up Genius at www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery. No experience needed; we will show you what to do.

For more information, contact team leader Steve Benwell: 713-301-7494. To be added to a notification list for these projects, email kat@stpaulshouston.org.

COVID-19 Assistance Fund

COVID-19 continues to take a giant bite from employment and the ability to purchase food and housing. To donate to St. Paul's COVID-19 assistance fund,

- go to www.stpaulshouston.org/give
- click on the blue "Give Online" button
- select "Give one time" or "Set up Recurring," then frequency, if recurring

- select "Other/Events" from the drop-down "Fund" menu
- write "COVID fund" or "Healthcare worker meals" on the memo line
- press the blue "Next" button and enter amount

If you need COVID-19-related assistance, please contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichardskuan@stpaulshouston.org.

Hope Clinic Gift

Responding to recent heightened awareness of racism toward Asian Americans and their historical exclusion intertwined with health and safety, St. Paul's has re-affirmed our belief in the sacred worth of all people by partnering with Hope Clinic.

Hope provides culturally sensitive, language-specific care to many communities, regardless of ability to pay.

St. Paul's partnership includes financial support for vaccine drives and volunteers. Questions? prichardskuan@stpaulshouston.org



The beginning of Lent coincided with the launch of the Grow and Renew Campaign, a challenge to our congregation to grow in discipleship and generosity and to renew our pledge to support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. While stewardship pledges and discipleship commitments may continue to be made, the formal campaign has ended.

The campaign goals were threefold: commit to strengthen one's prayer life during Lent, support the operations of St. Paul's through a stewardship pledge, and commit to an additional path to discipleship.

Rather than asking our members to give more dollars, we asked that more congregants pledge to give. In 2020, 26 percent of our households made stewardship

gifts. We set a challenging goal of increasing that level of participation to 33 percent.

As of March 31, 2021, a total of 233 households, or 14 percent of our congregation, had made a stewardship pledge — a decrease of nearly 50 percent from last year.

The Finance Committee-approved budget includes \$1.8 million in pledged contributions for fiscal 2021. As of March 31, we had received \$1,465,000 in pledged contributions (this includes households maintaining recurring gifts they established in 2020). This reflects a budget shortfall of \$335,000 in pledged contributions.

Of the 1600+ households solicited, 54 also responded with a renewed commitment to grow in discipleship.

The challenge to recommit to our vows of membership is not limited to the Lenten season. As we enter into Eastertide with joyful and grateful hearts, we encourage St. Paul's congregants to deepen their prayer lives through daily spiritual practices and to continue to explore ways to grow in discipleship.

With the gradual return to normalcy, opportunities to serve the St. Paul's community will return, such as volunteering in the telemedicine clinic (See page 8.) and various children's and youth ministries.

In the spirit of Easter, you may still respond to Christ's gift of selfless giving by pledging your support of the work of His church via www.stpaulshouston.org/give or the St. Paul's app or by contacting the Finance Office at 713.528.0527 x 111.

Primetimers to Take History, Scenic Tour of MFAH

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Guild Speakers Bureau Docent Wendy Adler, will take the Primetimers through a brief history of the development of the museum and highlight the newest addition — The Nancy and Rich Kinder Building.

The Kinder Building is devoted to the display of the museum's international collections of modern and contemporary art.

Adler will emphasize the art unique to this building,

notably the Jean Tinguely Gallery from which one also sees outstanding views of St. Paul's.

Whether you know a lot about art

or very little, especially modern art, this talk may inspire you to make a visit to the Kinder Building, directly across Main Street from St. Paul's.

To attend this Zoom gathering on Thursday, April 8, at 11 am, email primetimers@stpaulshouston.org by noon Tuesday, April 6.



The Nancy and Rich Kinder Building, MFAH; St Paul's in center right background.

St. Paul's Family

Birth.

Congratulations to Jeana and Andrew Coit on the birth of their daughter, Danielle Claire Coit, born March 25, 2021. Paternal grandparents are Bev and Bill Coit.

Baptisms.

Laura and Robert Prendergast presented their son, William Ryan Prendergast, born August 28, 2020, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 7, 2021.

Inge and Robert Hendrickson presented their daughter, Mieke Danielle Hendrickson, born September 18, 2020, for the Sacra-

ment of Holy Baptism on March 14, 2021.

Susan and Larry Parcell presented their daughter, Presley Olivia Parcell, born November 28, 2018, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, March 20, 2020.

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Glen Rodgers on the death of his mother on March 1 in Kentucky.

Deepest sympathy to Elisabet Cruz and David Echevarria, on the recent deaths of his father, Luis Echeverria, and her cousin, Blake Espinal.



Youth Mental Health Art Showcase

Surviving to Thriving: *The World through My Eyes*

OPEN TO AGES 5 TO 20. PRIZES GIVEN.
Original art accepted in these categories:
collage, drawings, mixed media,
mosaics, needlework, paint,
photography, and sculpture.

Submit art to Helen Spaw via
hspaw@stpaulshouston.org
by April 12, 2021

Grief & Loss Healing Circle Begins, Others Ongoing

The idea behind Healing Circles is that humans heal in community. The earliest humans gathered around a campfire and shared stories. Healing Circles

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON
HEALING CIRCLE for GRIEF & LOSS
—Facilitated by Helen Spaw—
Thursdays: April 1, 15, & 29 and May 13
11 am to Noon via Zoom
To connect or learn more,
email hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON
ST. PAUL'S SINGLE MOMS CIRCLE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 8:30 pm via Zoom
For more information, contact Helen at
hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON
Healing of Racism Circle
Healing Art Circle in conjunction with the Center for the Healing of Racism
2nd Thursdays from 10-11:30 am
via Zoom
Email Helen via
hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON
VETERANS Healing Circle
WEDNESDAYS, 12-1:30 PM
FANNIN STREET COURTYARD
(OUTSIDE OF YOUTH CENTER)
COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:
Participants must maintain social distance, wear masks, sanitize hands, and complete health screens.
If you are sick, please stay home until cleared by a doctor.
Meetings are outdoors and subject to cancellation or change due to weather.
Individual boxed lunches provided. Reservations are required for lunch by Monday prior. RSVP to nina@stpaulshouston.org

bring this healing community back into our lives with a format that allows us to explore our healing and experience our wholeness.

At St. Paul's, Helen Spaw conducts healing circles on a variety of topics, some are ongoing with entry at any time, some are short-term with a self-contained group.

A new, short-term Healing Circle for Grief and Loss begins April 1 with entry as late as April 15. It meets on alternating Thursdays from 11 am to noon via Zoom.

The Single Moms Circle is ongoing with entry at any time, meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8:30 pm via Zoom.

Also ongoing is a Circle for the Healing of Racism, conducted with the Center for the Healing of Racism. It meets the second Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 am via Zoom.

To connect with any of these circles, email hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Veterans Healing Circle

Also following the healing circle model, St. Paul's hosts a gathering of veterans each Wednesday from noon to 1:30 pm in the Fannin Street Courtyard with social distancing and required mask wearing.

Prior to each veterans' gathering, those planning to attend must contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.

Blood Drive April 23 9 am to 1:30 pm

Activity Center (Gym)
2nd floor,
Sanctuary Building

Schedule online via
[www.commitforlife.org/
donor/schedules/name](http://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/name)

(Insert St Paul's
as the sponsor name.)



CORNERSTONE
society

OF ST. PAUL'S FOUNDATION

The Cornerstone Society is happy to welcome the following new members:

Lynn and Ty Kelly
Gail Ford Smith and Ted Smith

The Cornerstone Society is an annual giving society of the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation. Its members contribute to the support of the St. Paul's campus and to social justice causes chosen by the society's membership.

Membership is open to all members, guests, and friends of St. Paul's. For more information, please visit www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation or contact Mary Linda Portner via mlportner@stpaulshouston.org.

To receive the *Chimes* weekly e-letter and Friday Pastor's Message, email dadair@stpaulshouston.org

Amazing Place Plans

In-Person Programing

Amazing Place provides a variety of programs to empower lives disrupted by dementia, including family members and other caregivers. Many are on-line, and the in-person Day Program is scheduled to re-open on Thursday, April 15. This re-opening will begin by assessing new prospective Day Program participants. If interested, please contact Day Program Director Carol Cooper via ccooper@amazingplacehouston.org or 713-660-1375.

The *Virtual Activity Program* remains available via Zoom Monday through Friday from 10 am to noon and 1 to 3 pm. For more about it including pricing, also contact Carol Cooper.

Two of the other Amazing Place on-line programs are highlighted below. For more about community programs, please see www.amazingplacehouston.org/community-educaton.

Aging Well While Aging Solo. *Tuesdays, April 20-May 11, from 1 to 2:30 pm. \$40.*

This program is designed to empower those who are aging independently or anticipate that they may be aging solo in the future. Participants will learn how to build a social network, get legal documents in order, and understand what is involved with aging in place or moving to a care community. For more information or to connect: Kathrine Christi, LMSW, via kchristie@amazingplacehouston.org

Brain-Healthy Lifestyles. *Periodic. Free.*

These periodic free presentations about brain health, caregiving, and dementia to support families can be adapted to meet specific needs of any type of organization. Upcoming are *Food for Thought* on Monday, April 12, from 2 to 3 pm, and *Living in the Sandwich Generation* on Wednesday, June 9, from 2 to 3 pm. For more information or to connect, contact Clinical Training Manager Mehrnaz Gill, MSG, at mgill@amazingplacehouston.org.

First Quarter Gifts to the Foundation

St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston is grateful for these gifts received during the first quarter of 2021 (as of March 28).

General Fund

Gifts by

Elizabeth Garlington
Cindy and John Munday
Curt Peterson

In Memory of Peggy Wylie by

Linda Hazelip
Gerald Wesbrook

In Memory of Richard Hutchens by

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Beth and James Wiggins

Continuing Education

Gift by

Anonymous

St. Paul's Foundation

Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Richard Hutchins by

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald

Who to Contact for What

To reach any staff, call 712-528-0527 or email info@stpaulshouston.org, and your message will be forwarded.

To inquire about joining St. Paul's or update membership records, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a funeral or notify the church of births, deaths, hospitalizations, or other concerns, also contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a baptism or order altar flowers, contact Dawn Uebelhart via dawn@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a wedding, contact Betty Rennell via bettyrennell@gmail.com.

Foundation Grants \$133,450 in Scholarships for Higher Education

For more than 40 years the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation has awarded scholarships to students pursuing degrees in higher education. Mary Linda Portner, Executive Director of the Foundation, is pleased to announce that this year \$133,450 in scholarships has been awarded to 45 students.

Thanks to a rare opportunity created by the release of cumulative funds by the Foundation Board, the pool of grantees was increased by 18 percent, and the funding by nearly \$50,000.

The Foundation currently administers 17 endowed scholarship funds that benefit high school seniors matriculating to institutions of higher education as well as seminarians and currently enrolled college undergraduates. An additional fund, honoring long-time St. Paul's School Director Zane Ann Tigett, is dedicated to assisting students at St. Paul's School.

Grant awards are based on the applicant's relationship to St. Paul's UMC, academics, extra-curricular activities, recommendations, and a personal essay. Eight of the funds are restricted to specific parameters established by the donors. Recipients are selected annually by the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation.

2021 Scholarship Awards

The 2021 recipients of Foundation scholarships, along with the educational institution they will attend next semester and the funds granting their awards, are:

Ainsley Alley. Bates Family and Eula Bakker. *Lone Star College.*

Owen Anderson. Bates Family and St. Paul's Foundation. *University of Houston.*

Daniela Arena. Bates Family and Alberta Baines. *The University of Texas at Dallas.*

Samantha Banks. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Tulane University.*

Charlotte Betts. Bates Family, Sadler Bible Class and Wood-Young-Washburn. *Southern Methodist University.*

Audrey Black. Bates Family. *University of St. Thomas.*

Ella Reagan Blewer. Bates Family. *St. Edwards University.*

Zada Boyce-Quentin. Bates Family and Blair Family. *University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.*

Keaton Brown. Anderson Music. *San Francisco Conservatory of Music.*

Liam Burhans. Bates Family. *Texas A&M University.*

Drake Campbell. Bates Family and Jay & Rena Williamson. *Alvin Community College.*

Keidra Carmichael. Swickheimer-Mays, Carolyn & Alfred H. Freeman, Edith Dissenger and Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Southern Methodist University.*

Ariana Daniel. Sadler Bible Class and Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Southern Methodist University.*

Jenette Everett. Charles Frances Hiller. *West Texas A&M University.*

Joshua Garvin. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Belmont University.*

Nancy Hernandez. Robert L. Clark. *Texas State University.*

Laura Hester. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Hamilton College.*

Megan Hiers. Charles Frances Hiller. *University of North Texas.*

William Hiers. Bates Family and Kurt & Tara Arnold. *The University of Texas at Austin.*

José Luis Jarquin-Ulloa. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Lone Star College.*

Ian Mattingly. Bates Family. *Texas A&M University.*

Meredith McGee. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Texas A&M University.*

Landon McKelvey. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Undecided.*

Laurel McKelvey. Bates Family and Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *University of Pennsylvania.*

D. Elaine Miller. Bates Family, Bankston Good Samaritan, and Edith Dissenger. *Southern Methodist University.*

Alexandra Mosby. Bates Family. *The University of Texas at Austin.*

Stephanie Neumann. Bates Family. *Louisiana State University.*

Avery Olive. Edith Dissenger. *Centenary College of Louisiana.*

Christine Pettys. Bates Family and William T. & Barbara Grisham. *San Jacinto Community College.*

Emma Raley. Robert L. Clark. *Texas A&M University.*

Trevor Ramey. Bates Family. *University of Houston.*

Hallie Ramirez. Robert L. Clark. *Lamar University.*

Julianna Reeves. Edith Dissenger. *The University of Arizona.*

Kristen Reeves. Bates Family. *Pepperdine University.*

Christine Rong. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Undecided.*

Alexander Saggi. Bates Family. *Undecided.*

Samuel Saindon. Bates Family and Charles Frances Hiller. *Undecided.*

Grace Stupel. Kurt & Tara Arnold. *Beacon College.*

Meagan Sullivan. Bates Family. *University of Houston.*

Dylan Terrell. St. Paul's Foundation. *Texas A&M University.*

Benjamin Tollett. Bates Family. *The University of Texas at Austin.*

Sophia Trifilio. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Southwestern University.*

Madeline Vanlandingham. Ellena P. & Robert H. Dickerson. *Undecided.*

Tavon Wilsford. Bates Family. *The University of Texas at Dallas.*

2019-20 Confirmation Class

The young people listed below are members of the 2019-20 confirmation class that is scheduled to be confirmed at a Holy Saturday service, April 3, at 5 pm on the Plaza. See page 1 for more information.

Rachel Jane Anderson	Sophie Katharine Marcello
James Winston Beebe	Emma Christine Mudd
Linden Elizabeth Beebe	Halleran
Julia Bonnell Beech	Georgia Ellen Mustachio
Katherine Sophia Doe	William Schuyler Muratta
Lucia Kristina Flores	Plante
Paul William Gau	John Hampton Sharp
Jacob Paul Gunn	Ella Joyce Taylor
Noah Phillip Gunn	Sarah Grace Vanlandingham
Keira Lyndsey Heath	Corbin James Wanner
Blake Henry	Sophia Marie Jie-Ling
Lucille Jacqueline Holt	Watson
Elizabeth Louise Jost	Victoria Ella Weisser
Reid Edward Kurtas	Mark Joseph Wheeler
William Griffith Lane	Adam Brown Wilson
Madeline Elise Malina	Charlotte Elisabeth Witz

Thanks to Sharon and Mike Mosby, Mack McLaren, and Martin Stupel for their extra level of dedication as Confirmation leaders and teachers for this class.

The Confirmation class of 2020-21 is scheduled to be confirmed on May 2.

YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The current Youth schedule follows. Questions? tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or oksana@stpaulshouston.org.

Sundays:

- Sunday School. 10 am via Zoom.
- Confirmation class of 2020-21. 4 pm via Zoom and on the Labyrinth. Snacks follow until 5:30.
- UMY. 6 pm on the Labyrinth.
Snacks precede at 5:30.

Tuesdays: Girls Bible Study. 6:30 pm on the Labyrinth, Bring blanket or chair.

Wednesdays: H.O.T. (Hang Out Time). 7 pm via Zoom.

Upcoming Youth Dates

May 2: Confirmation class of 2020-21 will be confirmed

May 16: Senior Recognition Sunday

May 23: Youth Celebration Banquet at Goode Armadillo Palace. Reservations required.

July: Youth Service Days. Exact dates and other details are being developed. To be part of these service days or to learn more about anything related to St. Paul's Youth, contact Tiffin Wilsford via tiffin@stpaulshouston.org.

Childcare for Outdoor Worship

Children of all ages are always welcome in our outdoor worship service. The lawn seating allows for extra wiggles and distancing.

Parents also now have the option of supervised childcare, provided on the playground by our experienced staff.

To participate, add Childcare to your outdoor worship registration, indicating the quantity and age of the child(ren). On Sunday, after checking in at the blue Welcome tent, go to the desk in the Jones Lobby for temperature check and sign in. Then proceed to the playground.

Childcare will open 15 minutes before the service.

Guidelines for Playground Childcare during Worship

- Use a medium or lower volume level, lest the noise detract from worship.
- Wear masks the entire time on the big playground. Masks are optional for the children in the toddler area.
- Keep some space between friends.
- Follow instructions from childcare staff.
- Bring a labeled water bottle for each child and have the child(ren) dressed comfortably and appropriately for the weather.

Address any questions regarding this new childcare option to Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Stay in touch via the St. Paul's Kids Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KidsOfSPUMC) and the Children's Ministry e-letter. The e-letter usually is sent mid-week and on Sundays and includes printables related to the season and links to Sunday School classes and worship services.

To ensure receiving the e-letter and other connections, email kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Children's Sunday School: Age 3 through 5th grade meet on Zoom 9:45-10:45 am for Joyful Noise and GROW assemblies followed by age-level groups. The Children's Ministry e-letter has Zoom links.

Childcare during Outdoor Worship. See story above.

Children's Choirs: To register your child for choir: www.stpaulshouston.org/childrenschoirs. The day-by-day children's schedule follows:

Children's Choirs:

- **Wesley Singers** (Grades 1-2). Sundays at 2 pm.
- **Choristers** (Grades 3-8). Sundays at 2:45 pm.
- **Treble Choir.** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Sanctuary or via Zoom.
- **One-on-One Voice for Life lessons.** Contact susie@stpaulshouston.org

Looking Ahead

Telemedicine Clinic Update

After many months of navigating the medical and legal challenges of opening a telemedicine clinic, St. Paul's and the University of Houston's College of Nursing are excited to move forward with this mission and announce that the clinic will open in May 2021.

A huge word of thanks and gratitude to the Trustees, especially Rob Wubbenhorst and Josh Vanlandingham, for their leadership and wisdom.



Dr. Shainy Varghese

Another word of thanks to the Telemedicine Clinic Advisory Board, members of which have helped lay the groundwork for the clinic — Mike Mann, Donna Mayer, Dave Morris, and Jean West Evans.

"It is incredible to have the effort, prayers, and help of so many at St. Paul's," said Rev. Andrew Wolfe, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, who has been spearheading this effort. "This clinic is the first of its kind in Texas, and it is an honor for St. Paul's to be part of something so special and deeply needed."



Dr. Kathleen Reeve

The telemedicine clinic will be overseen by University of Houston professors and practitioners to provide basic health-care services to Houston's under/uninsured population.

Dr. Shainy Varghese, Associate Professor, UH College of Nursing; Dr. Kathleen Reeve, Associate Dean and Clinical Professor, UH College of Nursing; and Dr. David S. Buck, Associate Dean of Community Health, UH College of Medicine, also will use the clinic to teach future healthcare practitioners about the importance of community health and healthcare access.



Dr. David S. Buck

The clinic will be located in Abraham Station and partnered with the Emergency Aid Coalition to provide healthcare services to their clients. In the coming weeks the clinic will be moving into the new space and hiring and training staff.

Members of St. Paul's are encouraged to serve at the clinic as receptionists, greeters, and more. To learn more about this project, including ways to help, please contact Rev. Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

At right: Thanks to Darrell Davis, Oksana Schwack, Tiffin Wilsford, and Andrew Wolfe for helping Texas Congregation Disaster Relief Readiness take seniors to get COVID-19 vaccinations.



The 2020-21 Choral Scholars will present an end-of-year concert on Sunday, May 16, at 4 pm. The scholars will sing works by Ernani Aguiar, Volckmar Leisring, George Malcolm, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Michael John Trotta. The concert currently is set to be outdoors. A registration form will be provided on the website, through the *Chimes*, and other media. If conditions change to allow the concert to be inside, that information also will be provided through similar routes.

Herb Harvesting Has Begun, Ongoing

Harvesting from St Paul's Community Garden has begun and will be ongoing through Houston's long growing season.

Currently in the garden are cilantro, dill, Italian parsley, mint, oregano. Samples will be provided before and after the 10 and 11:30 am outdoor Easter services, and they will be available for sale before and after outdoor services beginning April 9.



The herbs will be at a table in the grass closest to the Fannin Street sidewalk. Information about the garden also will be available.

Tended by loving hands of the St. Paul's and Fe y Esperanza congregations, proceeds benefit Fe y Esperanza Community Garden members.

To help tend the garden or harvest herbs, email hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

