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Pastor's Message

In the Lenten season we have been travelling with Jesus as he "turned his face toward Jerusalem." We have been looking at the characteristics of a disciple and how the sacrificial love that Jesus taught is to be modeled in our own lives.

Early in April we head into Holy Week, and we remember the shouts of *Hosana* on Palm Sunday and then the shouts of *Crucify Him* on Good Friday. And then the joy-filled celebration of Easter Sunday. Holy Week is a reminder that through Christ we have *strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.*



Did you know that Easter is the only day on the Christian calendar that is set by the moon? Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal

equinox. I think that is great that we see new life springing up in flowers and buds on the trees and we experience a new life in the risen Savior.

I love the words to the hymn by Eleanor Farjeon, or you may remember it being sung by Cat Stevens:

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

All around us we are seeing new life springing up! I hope that you are experiencing the joy of being Easter people.

Peace,
Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor

Stations of the Cross Lecture by Donating Artist Richard Williams

Shadow boxes of mixed media art depicting each of the the *Stations of the Cross* have been donated to St. Paul's by Houston artist Richard Williams. These are now on display in the Gallery on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building, outside the Youth Center.

On Palm Sunday, April 10, the artist will speak about his work at 9:45 am in Fondren Hall. He will talk about the meaning of the Stations and his process as an artist in creating them. An opportunity for Q&A will be provided.



The Tallis Scholars Here April 22



The Tallis Scholars will sing music of *The Golden Age of Spanish Polyphony* at St. Paul's on Friday, April 22, at 7:30 pm.

For more than four decades, Peter Phillips and The Tallis Scholars have done more than any other group to establish sacred vocal music of the Renaissance as a great repertoire of Western classical music.

Based in Cambridge, England, they have brought Renaissance works to a wider audience in churches, cathedrals, and venues on every continent on the planet except Antarctica.

For more about The Tallis Scholars and to sample their music, please go to www.thetallis-scholars.co.uk.

This concert is provided free of charge thanks to the St. Paul's Chamber Music Society. However, tickets are required for admission. To get your tickets, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2022/4/22/the-tallis-scholars

Holy Week Schedule

Below is a calendar listing of Holy Week services and related activities. Also see www.stpaulshouston.org/lent or www.stpaulshouston.org/calendar.

April 10. Palm/Passion Sunday. Two services at 8:30 and 11 am, each beginning outside with a palm procession into the Sanctuary. *Stations of the Cross* lecture at 9:45 am in Fondren Hall. (See story above.)

April 10-17. Palm/Passion Sunday to Easter Sunday. Walk through Holy Week. This self-guided tableau of Holy Week scenes suitable for children will be in the Jones Building lower level.

April 11-13 (Monday-Wednesday). Lenten meditations will be provided via www.stpaulshouston.org/stream. No services will be at the church.

April 14. Maundy Thursday. Services of Holy Communion at noon and 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

April 15. Good Friday Services. All in Sanctuary: 11 am Tenebrae for children and youth. Noon *Adoration of the Cross* with St. Paul's Choir. 7 pm *Seven Last Words* dual-language Spanish/English.

April 16. Easter Vigil. Start outside at 7 pm.

April 17. Easter Sunday. Services at 8, 9:30, and 11 am. Times changed from the norm to accommodate parking lot turnover between services.



The Apollo Chamber Players will present a *Music for Peace* concert on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 pm in St. Paul's Sanctuary. All proceeds from this concert will be distributed to support the people of Ukraine through humanitarian relief through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (umcmmission.org/umcor/ukraine) For more about Apollo, including samples of their work, see www.apollochamberplayers.org.

Lenten Recital Series Concludes April 7

The winner of the International Young Artists Piano Competition in Washington, DC, James Palmer will present the last of this year's Lenten Recitals. On Thursday, April 7, at 12:15 pm he will perform music by Schubert, Liszt, Fauré, and Scriabin, plus Beethoven's *Sonata in A flat major*, Op. 110.

Thanks to the St. Paul's Chamber Music Society, admission is free of charge.

Who to Contact for What

To reach any clergy or staff, call 713-528-0527 or email info@stpaulshouston.org, and your message will be forwarded. For specific situations, you may wish to contact these people through these means:

To schedule baptisms or altar flowers, email Dawn Uebelhart via dawn@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527.

To schedule a funeral, email Rev. Andrew Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527 and see www.stpaulshouston.org/funeral. Also contact him to notify the church of births, deaths, or hospitalizations.

To schedule a wedding at St. Paul's, email Betty Rennell via bettyrennell@gmail.com and see www.stpaulshouston.org/weddings

St. Paul's Family



Grayson Cole Lattimer

New Members.

Welcome into St. Paul's Family Grayson Cole Lattimer, who was baptized and joined on February 27, 2022.

Welcome back Thomas (Tom) Claude Mays III, who returned to St. Paul's Family on March 27, 2022, after living elsewhere for the past several years.

Member Wedding.

Congratulations to Susan Budge and Richard Paulson,



Tom Mays

who were married at St. Paul's on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Birth.

Congratulations to Allison and Ty Ragland on the birth of their son, Harrison James Ragland, born January 22, 2022, in Austin. Paternal grandparents Barbara and Kenny Ragland.

Baptisms.

Jennifer and Mark Cox presented their daughter, Samantha Jean Cox, born

March 2, 2021, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 27, 2022.

Claudia and Ryan Hanford presented their son, Enzo José Hanford, born October 18, 2020, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 13, 2022.

Flowers.

The flowers at the altar on March 6, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Shirley and Larry Roberts.

The flowers at the altar on March 13, 2022 were placed to the glory of God in honor of St. Paul's clergy and choir by the Childres-Ansel family.

The flowers at the altar on March 20, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in honor of Dr. Sherry Beeman on her

birthday by her husband, Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley.

The flowers at the altar on March 27, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Rev. Roy Biser by his wife, Merri Gay, and Roy's family.

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Merri Gay Biser on the death of her husband, Rev. Roy Biser, who died on February 24, 2022.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Peggy Jo Kurtz Odam, who died in Wimberley, TX, on March 10, 2022.

Deepest sympathy to Jonathan Kirkland, Jack and Luke, on the death of Jonathan's wife, Jack and Luke's mother, Sheryl Kirkland, who died on March 18, 2022.



The class on Lenten spiritual practices will conclude on Sunday, April 3, from 9:45 to 10:45 am on the newly refurbished Labyrinth. (See before, during, and after pictures below.) All are invited, even if you did not attend the previous sessions.

Following this year's Lenten theme of *Cultivating & Letting Go*, participants in this experiential class have been guided to intentionally prepare a space for something new.

Conducted in both Spanish and English, each gathering has included meditations, awareness/mindfulness exercises, and hands-on activities.

For more information, please contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org or 832-957-7081.



ART WALK

Sunday, April 24 at Noon

An outdoor exhibit celebrating the artists and their work from the Art Tent.

For more details, contact Helen Spaw at hspaw@stpaulshouston.org



Celebrate the work of The Art Tent participants at the Art Walk on the Plaza. Sunday, April 24, from noon to 2 pm. Picnic lunches will be available. The Art Tent creates a space for people experiencing homelessness to express themselves through visual art. For more information about The Art Tent and how you can support this ministry, please see www.stpaulshouston.org/arttent or contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org or 832-957-7081. See examples of this art below.



Hearts in Hands

The Emergency Aid Coalition 2022 Gala — *Hearts in Hands* — will be Saturday, April 23, at the OMNI Hotel Houston, 4 Riverway. See ticket and sponsor information at www.eachouston.org/events. If you love to bake, check out the Dessert Auction Opportunity, too.



April Missions

To learn more about any of these, contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org.

April 2. The Disaster Recovery Team's monthly workday will be Saturday, April 2, from 9 am to 3 pm. Sign up via www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2022-4-2/disaster-recovery-team

Until June 28. SEARCH Coming Home community mentoring suppers. Tuesdays at 5 pm usually in Fondren Hall until June 28. A few more volunteers are needed to help during the welcoming period, including greeting the mentees and dining with them.

Easter Egg Hunt April 16

All children are invited with their families to St. Paul's annual Easter Egg Hunt on the school's playground. Saturday, April 16, at 10 am.

Activities will be provided for all ages, and older children are invited to help. To find out how, contact Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Children's Sundays

NOTE: Only Nursery and special needs meet

Easter Sunday

- 8 am-12:15 am. Nursery.
- 9:45-10:45 am. Sunday School (in-person and Zoom)
- 11 am-noon. Children's Church (Bible story and playtime)
- Children may start in worship, then come forward during sequence hymn to be escorted to Children's Church or Choristers choir rehearsal.

YOUTH APRIL BASIC SCHEDULE

Sundays (will not meet Easter Sunday)

- *Sunday School for 6th-12th grades.* 9:45 am.
- *7th-12th-grade UMY & 6th-grade Confirmation.* 5-7 pm.

Mondays

Rainbows. 6:30-7:30 pm. For Youth in the LGBTQ+ community, questioning their identity/sexuality, or allies of the community.

Tuesdays

Girls Gathering. 6:30-8 pm.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Get Together for all Youth. 3-7 pm.

Thursdays

Guys Gathering. 6:30-8pm.

Questions? email tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or jreeves@stpaulshouston.org

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April 15. Good Friday Tenebrae Service. 11 am in the Sanctuary with readings and music by children or Youth. Refreshments follow.

April 17. Easter Sunday. Services at 8, 9:30, and 11 am. Flowering of the cross all morning on Lawn. Nursery open all morning but no Sunday School or children's choirs.

Questions? email Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org

Celebrate
Earth Day
Friday, April 22 @ 10 am
St. Paul's Community
Garden



Kids Nights Out (KNO)

Dates & Themes

All pending COVID concerns

April 22.
Earth Day

May 13.
Prehistoric Party

For more about KNO, including times, prices, and to RSVP, please see www.stpaulshouston.org/kids-night-out

St. Paul's Moms

This group of mothers of all ages continues to hold monthly social gatherings off site. To find out more, email Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org

Youth & Children Summer Schedule

June 12-18. U.M. A.R.M.Y. Mission trip to Gulfport, MS, for youth who have completed grades 9-12. Register: www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/4004. Questions? tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or jreeves@stpaulshouston.org.

June 20-24. Music: Pipe up & Sing! (morning) and **Armored Sports** (afternoon) Camps. Questions? susie@stpaulshouston.org.

June 26-July 1. JUMMP. Mission trip to Lufkin for youth who have completed grades 6-8. Register: www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/3989. Questions? tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or jreeves@stpaulshouston.org.

July 11-17. S.P.Y. Academy. New this year! An intentional, spiritual community created with youth who have completed grades 8-12. Youth will grow deeper in their understanding of the Bible and the United Methodist Church, learn how to plan and lead worship services, and help discern their calling. (S.P.Y. = St. Paul's Youth). Questions? tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or jreeves@stpaulshouston.org.

August 1-5. Vacation Bible School (VBS): Knights of North Castle (morning), **Armored Sports Camp** (afternoon), and **Youth Week** (all day). Register online for VBS or Sports Camp: www.stpaulshouston.org/vbs.

Questions about VBS or Sports Camp? email Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Questions about Youth Week? email tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or jreeves@stpaulshouston.org.

Chorister Clinic April 30

The Choristers and Treble Choir members will work with a guest clinician on Saturday, April 30, from 9 am to noon, followed by an end-of-year celebration.

This annual year-end culminating activity for these young vocalists also is in preparation for their leading worship the next Sunday morning, May 1.



St. Paul's children learn about God's covenant with Abraham.
— photograph by Joan Spaw, Children's Sunday School teacher

VBS 2022: *Knights of North Castle*

Armor up with God this summer as the *Knights of North Castle* explore the power God gives us to demonstrate Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith, and Salvation.

Monday-Friday, August 1-5, from 9 am to 12:15 pm for children from age 4 years through 5th grade (completed). Younger children of volunteers also may attend.

Through timeless Bible stories and the excitement of the quest theme, this summer's VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God.



Registration is available only through www.stpaulshouston.org/vbs. Please be sure to use the correct form:

- VBS child participant
- adult volunteers
- youth volunteers
- children under age 4 of volunteers.

Optional after-care will be provided by Armored Sports, and a link to that registration also will be on the St. Paul's VBS webpage noted above.

Pipe Up & Sing!

All children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to experience the fun of music through hands-on-learning science experiments, art projects, and lots of singing at *Pipe Up & Sing!*

This music camp will be from 9 am to noon June 20-24 with afternoon care available through Armored Sports.

Registration will be available soon. In the meantime, contact susie@stpaulshouston.org.



Sparky the Dragon welcomes all children to VBS

Boys Build New Choir

Building toward a Tenor/Bass Choir, Associate Director of Music & Organist Joel Trekell provides individual singing lessons to boys ages 10-17. In addition, a small group of boys rehearses with him on Sundays at 12:15 pm.

Following the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life curriculum, the boys work on music suitable for changing voices.

One does not have to otherwise be affiliated with St. Paul's to participate. All young male voices invited.

Questions? Joel Trekell via jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org.

Youth, Children's Music at St. Paul's

The Treble Choir is directed by Joel Trekell (jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org), and the Children's Choirs (Wesley Singers and Choristers) are directed by Susie Vanlandingham (susie@stpaulshouston.org).

Treble Choir

Rehearsals for this choir of treble voices are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm until May 4. Several members will attend the Royal School of Music Gulf Coast Course from June 13 to 19.

Children's Choirs

The children's choirs rehearse at these times on Sundays in person and through Zoom:

- *Wesley Singers* (grades 1-2) from 10:45 to 11:20 am
- *Choristers* (grades 3-8) 11:20 am to 12:05 pm.

These children's choirs conclude their year with a clinic on April 30. (See above, left.) Individual and small group singing lessons are available throughout the year.

The Joyful Noise music assembly on Sundays at 9:45 am for children from age 3 to 2nd grade also is under Vanlandingham's directorship. This children's worship time primarily focuses on learning and singing children's worship songs, laying the foundation for singing in a choir.

Primetimers: Visit Houston Botanic Garden

After remediating the 132-acre site formerly occupied by the Glenbrook municipal golf course, the Houston Botanic Garden broke ground in 2019 to become a place that enriches “life through discovery, education, and the conservation of plants and the natural environment.”

Approximately half of that acreage is on an island surrounded by the Sims Bayou channel and meanders. That island now holds the Global Collection and Culinary gardens plus a pine grove and woodland glade. In addition, the South Garden section holds the Susan Garver Family Discovery Garden and the Community Garden.



On Thursday, April 21, St. Paul's Primetimers will explore the gardens at their own pace and then settle in for a class about tropical plants.

The warm and sunny Houston climate makes our homes and gardens ideal places to grow tropical plants, and the instructor will talk about some of the most fascinating varieties and how to care for them at home. Each participant will take home a small potted tropical plant.

In your discovery walk, you may wish to preview some of those tropical plants.

As you enter the Botanic Garden, the Welcome Fountain on the left gently nudges you toward the Global Garden, which includes tropical and subtropical specimens. (This garden also includes plants for arid climates). To the right of the entry is the Culinary Garden.

St. Paul's member Claudia Gee Vassar is president and general counsel of Houston Botanic Garden.

The class size is limited to 15 people. To reserve your spot, RSVP by Thursday, April 14, by emailing primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or by calling 713-528-0527. The per-person cost of \$25 payable in advance covers garden entry, the class, and a box lunch. Lunch will be in the Picnic Grove.

To go by church bus, meet in St. Paul's small parking lot at 9:45 am Thursday, April 21. Arrival back at the church should be 2 pm. Those who prefer to drive are encouraged to do so, but due to the limited class size, please RSVP and pay by April 14 as described above.

Primetimers Programs & Day Trips 2022

May 12: *Howard Hughes* by Michael Bludworth, volunteer historian with the 1940 Air Terminal Museum, Houston

June 9: *Saving History after Harvey: Creating the Houston Jewish History Archives* by Joshua Furman, Associate Director, Jewish Studies Program; Curator, Houston Jewish History Archive; Lecturer in Jewish Studies at Rice University

August 11: Ice Cream Social and a Movie tbd



The Cornerstone Society is pleased to welcome Mary and James Winn to the Society.

The Cornerstone Society is an annual giving program that supports the primary purpose of the St. Paul's Foundation — providing for the care of the buildings and facilities of the church campus — while also offering Society members the opportunity to provide additional aid social service agencies.

Membership is open to individuals, couples, and families. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Johanna Wolfe at jtwolfe@stpaulshouston.org or visit www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation.



Co-chair with Renee and John Hawkins of the Revive campaign, Ashlee Ross, left, holds the Preservation Houston Good Brick award for the renovation made possible by the campaign. At back is Frank Jones, chair of the Finance Committee. In front of him are Lenee and Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. The stories behind all the 2022 Good Brick awards will be presented via Zoom on Tuesday, April 19, at 6:30 pm. Register via www.preservationhouston.org/calendar/2022/4/19/2022-good-brick-awards

If you know someone who would like to receive Primetimers' news through either email or the U.S. Postal Service, please let us know via email to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or telephone to 713-528-0527.

Also, if you or someone you know would like to receive the *Chimes* all-church weekly e-letter via email and/or the *St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter* through the U.S. Postal Service, please let us know via email to dadair@stpaulshouston.org.

St. Paul's Methodist Foundation Grants \$108,000 in Scholarships for Higher Education

Johanna Wolfe, Executive Director of the Foundation, is pleased to announce that this year \$108,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 43 students.

For more than 40 years each spring the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation has awarded scholarships to students pursuing degrees in higher education. The Foundation currently administers 17 endowed scholarship funds that benefit high school seniors matriculating to institutions of higher education, as well as college undergraduate students, seminarians, and graduate students. An additional fund, honoring long-time St. Paul's School director Zane Ann Tigett is dedicated to assisting students at the pre-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 Foundation's Scholarship Committee.

The names of the 2022 recipients of Foundation scholarships, along with the educational institution they will attend next semester and the names of the funds granting their awards are listed below:

Owen Anderson. University of Houston. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson*

Daniela Arena. University of Texas at Dallas. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson and R.C. and Paris Blair*

Lauren Quinto Bautista. Stephen F. Austin. *S. F. Bates Family*

Charlotte Betts. Southern Methodist University. *Eula Bakker and Anderson Music*

Regan Blewer. St. Edward's University. *Robert L. Clark*

Macy Block. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family and Wood-Young-Washburn*

Keaton Brown. Rice University. *St. Paul's Foundation Scholarship and Anderson Music*

Drake Campbell. University of Houston. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson and W.T. and Barbara Grisham*

Adriana Garris. The University of Texas at Austin. *Kurt and Tara Arnold*

Melissa Garza. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *Carolyn and Alfred H. Freeman and Edith Dissinger*

Erin Graves. Nazareth College. *S. F. Bates Family*

Jeremiah Green. Baylor University. *S. F. Bates Family*

Laura Hester. Hamilton College. *S. F. Bates Family*

William Hiers. The University of Texas at Austin. *Alberta Baines and S. F. Bates Family*

Elizabeth Hoffman. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family and Wood, Young, Washburn*

Christopher Knauth. Bard College at Simon's Rock. *Kurt and Tara Arnold and Alberta Baines*

Steven Lefebvre. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family and Wood-Young-Washburn*

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

Meredith McGee. Texas A&M University. *S. F. Bates Family*

Landon McKelvey. Texas A&M University. *St. Paul's Foundation Scholarship*

McKenna Miller. University of Houston. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson and Anderson Music*

Leslie Norris. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family and Bankston Good Samaritan*

Anson Olive. Texas A&M University. *S. F. Bates*

Karyl Patredis. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *Swickheimer-Mays and Edith Dissinger*

Emma Podvorec. University of Pennsylvania. *S. F. Bates Family*

Monique Proctor. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family*

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

Julianna Reeves. University of Houston. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson and Charles Francis Hiller*

Kristen Elizabeth Reeves. University of Southern California. *S. F. Bates Family*

Eleazar Rivas. Houston Baptist University. *Charles Francis Hiller*

Franklin Rodriguez. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family*

Kaya Shanks. Lone Star College. *S. F. Bates Family*

Mikaela Shanks. Galveston College. *S. F. Bates Family*

Jordan Smith. Houston Baptist University. *S. F. Bates Family*

Meagan Sullivan. University of Houston. *Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson*

Dylan Terrell. Texas A&M University. *Charles Francis Hiller*

Audrey Tollett. Trinity University. *S. F. Bates Family*

José Luis Ulloa Jarquin. University of Houston Downtown. *S. F. Bates Family*

Maddie Vanlandingham. Rice University. *St. Paul's Foundation Scholarship and Jay and Renna Williamson*

Aevan Venegas. Texas State University. *S. F. Bates Family*

Deborah Wade. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *Edith Dissinger and Sadler Bible Class*

Tavon Wilsford. University of Houston. *S. F. Bates Family and Ellena P. and Robert H. Dickerson*

Rachel White. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. *S. F. Bates Family*

Donations to any of these scholarship funds or other Foundation funds are welcome at any time. For information about them or the Foundation, please contact Johanna Wolfe, executive director, via jt Wolfe@stpaulshouston.org

Looking Ahead

Good-bye to Karyn & Paul, Welcome to Trey, and Congratulate Nataly

Begin the month of May with a good-bye to Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan, who has been appointed senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Portland, Oregon (www.umcpdx.org), and end it with a good-bye to Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan who also has been appointed to a position within the Greater Northwest area.

The celebration of her ministry with the St. Paul's Family as pastor for Faith Formation Worship and will be on Sunday, May 1, at 12:15 pm in Fondren Hall.

The celebration of his ministry with the St. Paul's Family as pastor for

will be on Sunday, May 29, in the Activity Center (Gymnasium). In July we welcome Rev. Trey Burns, who will be pastor for Discipleship. A 2017 graduate of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, he currently is pastor of Whitehouse UMC in Whitehouse, TX, and previously was the associate pastor at Faith UMC in Spring. He grew up in Bellaire, attending Bellaire UMC with his family. At Rice University



Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan



Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan



Rev. Trey Burns



Rev. Nataly Negrete

where he studied history and psychology, he participated in the Wesley ministry led by Rev. Emily Chapman when she was a St. Paul's associate.

Rev. Nataly Negrete has been at St. Paul's since January 2007, when she arrived from Bolivia speaking only Spanish, to direct the Rutabaga After-School program and begin what was then called Hispanic Ministries, now Fe y Esperanza (Faith & Hope).

Through the years, she has learned English, had two children — Mia and Ethan — and been involved with many of the

missions initiatives, including mission trips back to her home church in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

While still a separate, Spanish-language congregation, many Fe y Esperanza activities have integrated into the life of St. Paul's larger, mostly English-speaking congregation. Recent examples: the tamalada and combined Los Posados/Children's Christmas Candlelight outdoor service.

She will continue to work with Fe y Esperanza, but effective June 1, she will be St. Paul's pastor for Missions with much of her time devoted to leading the greater St. Paul's community in hands-on, relationship-building ministries.



This mother-daughter duo, above left, were among gardeners of all ages who cleaned out St. Paul's Community Garden on March 4, making way for the garden's second season of organically grown herbs. Initiated during the COVID quarantine to provide food for those unable to access it, proceeds from this garden help support the Fe y Esperanza community. To learn more about the garden or to volunteer, please email Associate Director of Faith Formation Helen Spaw, above right, at hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Caring for a LOVED ONE WITH DEMENTIA?

Amazing Place is offering a **FREE 3-week Savvy Caregiver Express** for all caregivers and friends!

REGISTER TODAY!

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Sharon Cantrell
scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org
713-440-8177

The Savvy Caregiver program will help you understand dementia, its effects on behavior, and how to develop personalized strategies for dementia caregiving and decision making.

- St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5501 Main St.
- Thursdays, May 5 - May 19
- 11:30am - 1:30pm

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