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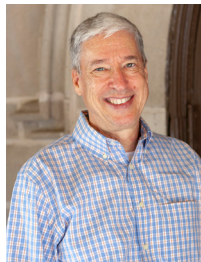


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Pastor's Message

All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. — Romans 8:14-16

Not long ago I was listening to a sermon and the preacher referred to God as Abba. Abba is an Aramaic word for father, an intimate word that would be used by children.



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald,
Senior Pastor

It is amazing that Jesus would refer to God as Abba. It

would be like you and I calling our father "daddy." Imagine some little boy trying to help his parents with some work around the house or making a gift for them. The help may be nothing more than getting in the way, and the gift may not be much, but the love behind it is simple and pure.

I like to believe it is that way between our Abba and us. At the deepest, simplest levels, we just want each other to be happy, to be pleased.

Brennan Manning writes, "our sincere desire counts far more than any specific success or failure." When we try to pray and cannot find the right words, or fail at some other attempt, God still reaches out to love us.

We are approaching the Lenten season, 40 days to prepare our hearts to remember just how much our Abba loves us.

Peace,
Jeff

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

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Imposition of Ashes
Prayer Breakfast
Services of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
Service of Worship for Ash Wednesday

7:30am to 6:30pm

8:00am, Fondren

12:15pm, Sanctuary

5:00pm, Labyrinth*

7:00pm, Sanctuary

*Dual Language, Spanish/English

Youth: Souper Bowl Feb 2; Lead Worship Feb. 9

St. Paul's Youth start February with Souper Bowl Sunday on February 2 when they collect non-perishable foods for donation to the Emergency Aid Coalition. Please place donations in designated barrels at church entrances. That evening the Youth will gather in the Youth Center at 5 pm to watch the Super Bowl.

The next Sunday, February 9, the Youth will lead worship at all three morning services. Their witnesses often are a worship highlight for the entire year.

For other Youth initiatives, please see pages 2 and 4.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

February 21

6:30 pm



"...They broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."

— Acts 2:46-47

RSVP NOW TO ATTEND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16

www.stpaulshouston.org/events/fellowship-friday

Twice a year, the people of St. Paul's gather in neighbors' homes all over the greater Houston area for a Fellowship Friday potluck. This winter, 10 of our neighbors have agreed to provide their homes for one of these gatherings and to provide the main dish. See the map and list at www.stpaulshouston.org/events/fellowship-friday and pick the location best for you. Then use the form to register and indicate your first two location preferences. Registration deadline: February 16.

Scholarship Applications Due February 15

Applications for the scholarships awarded by St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston are available on the church website at www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-scholarships.

The application deadline for the 2020-21 school year is February 15. Please use the appropriate application for the situation — graduating high school senior or returning college student.

In 2019, the Foundation awarded 38 scholarships, totaling \$81,850.

A description of each of the scholarships from which these are awarded also is on that webpage. Donations toward any fund are always appreciated.

St. Paul's Family Milestones

Member Weddings. Congratulations to these members who are scheduled to be married at St. Paul's this month: Taylor Weylandt and David McLean are scheduled to be married February 1. Taylor is a member as are her parents, Candace and Steve Weylandt.

Gabrielle (Gabby) Turner and Fredrick Beuning are scheduled to be married on February 29. Gabby is a member as are her parents, Virginia and Tillman Turner, Sr.

Claire Jones and Rob Holladay are scheduled to be married February 29. Claire is a member as are her parents, Bonnie and Rocky Jones.

Deaths. Deepest sympathy to Ben Kerswell, St. Paul's Organ Scholar, on the death of his grandfather, Verdun L. Kerswell, who died December 27, 2019, in Niagara Falls, NY.

Deepest sympathy to Lisa and Steve Irvin on the death of Lisa's brother, Jeff Rodrigues, who died on January 9, 2020.

Deepest sympathy to Shirley and Larry Roberts on the death of Larry's sister, Linda Dean, who died on January 12, 2020, in Wills Point, TX.

Deepest sympathy to Yvonne Baughman, whose husband, Ralph Baughman, died January 12, 2020.

Deepest sympathy to Bill Bingham on the death of his wife, Margaret Lloyd-Bingham, who died January 21, 2020.

Rev. Dr. Bankston Named Pastor Emeritus



After delivering a prayer at the January 26 Service for the Reconsecration of St. Paul's UMC, Rev. Dr. L. James (Jim) Bankston was named Pastor Emeritus followed by a standing ovation. He served as St. Paul's senior pastor from 1995 to 2013. Pictured with him is his wife, Sandy Bankston.

Clean House, Garage = Help Youth

St. Paul's Youth can help you divest of items in your home that you no longer want or need.

They will sell them for you online.

That includes all the steps leading up to the sale, such as taking photographs and finding the best outlet for the sale.

They will remove the sold items from your property and package and ship or deliver them.

Proceeds from your sales then become a tax-free donation for St. Paul's Youth mission work.

Each summer, the Youth participate in week long mission work experiences — U.M.ARMV for senior high and Junior Youth Methodist Mission Project (JUMMP) for middle school — during which they repair homes for those unable to do so.

For details, contact Tiffin Wilsford, Director of Youth Ministries, via tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or call him via 713-528-0527.

Lenten Devotional Books

Lenten devotional booklets for both adults and children will be available by Ash Wednesday, February 26.

During Sunday School on February 2, children will prepare art to illustrate their booklet. They also may submit illustrations to Rev. Kate Flint in S-207 until February 9.

The adult devotion-al booklets — *when i was a stranger/cuando fui un extranejero* — will be published in both Spanish and English.



Kids Night Out

Friday, February 14 • Theme: Valentine

RSVP: childcare@stpaulshouston.org.

Questions? kflint@stpaulshouston.org

AMAZING
parents

AMAZING
kids

For parents whose children have developmental, emotional, medical, or learning differences, this is a time of connection and mutual support.

Meet February 9 at 12:15 pm in J-204. (Usually first Sunday) Bring own lunch. Childcare provided with RSVP to hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

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- Open Basketball has
- returned! Mondays and
- Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
- in Activity Center, 2nd
- floor, Sanctuary Building.
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Perkins Lay School of Theology: *Servant of All*

The Dean of Perkins School of Theology, Rev. Dr. Craig C. Hill, will teach the February 22 Perkins Lay School of Theology at St. Paul's. The topic: "Servant of all: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus."

A deep tension exists between the biblical view of servant leadership and the status that Christians today often desire and pursue. Why is it that Christians care so much what others think of us and what resources does the New Testament in particular provide us to confront this dilemma and proceed in a direction that conforms more to Jesus' way of life?



These and other related questions will be tackled in this day-long course.

A New Testament scholar, Dean Hill previously served on the faculty of Duke Divinity School where he was executive director of the Doctor of Ministry and Master of Christian Practice programs.

An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, his pastoral appointments included the chaplaincy of Christ Church, John Wesley's undergraduate Oxford college.

For more information, including how to register, please go to www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/LaySchools/Houston.

What You Don't Even Know You Know About Language

The February 13 Primitimers program will be presented by Dr. Nancy Niedzielski, Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Rice University. Her topic: "What You Don't Even Know You Know About Language."



Among Dr. Niedzielski's several professional roles, she serves as a forensic linguist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other entities and as a consultant on speech recognition systems for Robonaut, NASA. She has published and presented numerous academic papers and holds three patents.

Gather for an informal time in Fondren Hall at 10:30 am. The free program begins at 11, and a \$10 lunch is served at noon to those who RSVP by February 11 to primitimers@stpaulshouston.org.

Integrative Health and Wellness for Veterans

St. Paul's is partnering with the Veterans Team Recovery Integrative Immersion Process (VetTRIIP) to provide integrative health and wellness services to veterans from all branches of the military. These services empower veterans and promote stress resilience, gentle relaxation, increased comfort, and better sleep.

The VetTRIIP's dedicated healthcare professionals will be providing aromatherapy, therapeutic massage, energy work, EFT or tapping, gentle stretching, acupuncture, chiropractic adjustments, bio-field therapies, and more.

Sessions will be offered on select Saturdays monthly through October. Dates are February 29, March 21, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, and October 24. Sessions will be in Abraham Station, 5500 San Jacinto. The first appointments start at 9 am, and the last appointments start at 2 pm.

If you are a veteran interested in scheduling a session or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Houston VetTRIIP Chapter Director, Charlene Fox via charyoga@comcast.net.

Circles Provided for Healing and Wisdom

St. Paul's provides several types of circles throughout the year, each with a specific orientation, including healing, healing art, wisdom. Most meet in S-300. For more information about any of these circles, please contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Following is the current schedule for these circles. Note that some require an RSVP to Helen.

Art of Parenting. Fourth Mondays, January-April, from 9:30 to 11 am. S-300. *A new wisdom circle for sharing insights and challenges of parenting in a supportive environment.*

Cancer Support Healing Circle. Second Sundays, February-May, from 11:05 am to 12:15 pm. S-300. *For all who are impacted by cancer.*

Claiming Peace. Sunday, February 16, from 11:05 am to 12:15 pm. S-300. RSVP required to hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Healing of Racism Healing Art Circle. Thursday, February 20, at 10 am off site. *Open to the first 20 people.* For location and to RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Women's Healing Art Circle. First Sundays from 11:05 to 12:15 pm in S-300. *This is a long-standing group but may be joined by others.*

Women's Healing Art Circle. Thursday, February 27, from 10 to 11:30 am. S-300. Topic: *Relationships.*

Heart Support Group

Houston Methodist Hospital conducts a Heart Health Support Group on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 pm in J-204.

Previous topics have included: "How patients can best engage our healthcare providers to help them help us" by advance nurse practitioners from the Houston Methodist DeBakey Cardiology Clinic.

To be added to the email list for notifications, email facilitator, Wayne Brewer via wbrewer878@aol.com.



St. Paul's Youth Ministry is among five United Methodist churches in Texas selected to participate in a youth ministry Innovation Laboratory through the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT). The CYMT (www.cymt.org) is an organization that trains and educates youth pastors to engage in practical, effective, and theologically-grounded ministry. CYMT created the Innovation Lab to help local churches develop models for ministry that best meet the needs of today's teenagers.

St. Paul's Youth Ministry Innovation Team members are Anjanette Blewer, Bob Brown, William Budge, Allie Larsson, Ryan Price, Julianna Reeves, Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan, Oksana Schwack, Jennifer West, Tavon Wilsford, and Tiffin Wilsford. Each was selected for a specific role.

In the first of five phases last fall — Describing Phase — by researching the local community, interviewing teenagers, and completing a congregational analysis, the team identified an issue that all youth deal with: the stress and anxiety of belonging. The team then began to wrestle with our church's relationship with that issue.

As the team now enters into Phase 2, it will seek to uncover the sociological reasons behind the problem found most pressing for youth in our community. Theology surrounding that issue will be examined and potential solutions will be considered in that theological context.

After testing ideas, the concluding "Big Idea" will be implemented full-scale during the 2020-21 school year.

As an integral part of the St. Paul's Community, the youth realize that none of this can be done without the rest of the congregation. Interim reports on the team's work will be related to the congregation, and the team invites questions about its work.

"This is an exciting opportunity to take our youth ministry to the next level in order to reach our ultimate mission: *creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*" said Tiffin Wilsford, St. Paul's Director of Youth Ministries and Lead Innovator of St. Paul's Innovation Team. "Please keep our congregation — and the young people in our community — in your prayers.

The other United Methodist churches selected for this youth ministry Innovative Laboratory project are First Katy, Memorial Drive, and Westbury — all in Houston — and First Fort Worth.

St. Paul's All-State Musicians

A record number of 18 Choral Scholars are in a Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir this year, and one Treble Choir member is in the All-State Philharmonic Orchestra.

The arduous audition process to attain these honors began with more than 68,000 students from around the state vying to perform in one of 15 choir, orchestra, and band ensembles.

All-State ensemble performances will be at the TMEA's Centennial convention in San Antonio February 12-15.

The Choral Scholars in this year's All-State Choir and their schools are

Cypress Fairbanks ISD. *Cypress Creek HS:* Emily Pace.

Cypress Falls HS: Ethan Duong, Lindsey Ford, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Blake LeBlanc, and Ben Mera.

Cypress Lakes HS: Ariana Bonilla and Christian Martin.

Friendswood ISD. *Friendswood HS:* Brooke Humlicek.

Galena Park ISD. *Galena Park HS:* Ariadne Lopez and Alexandra Saldana
North Shore HS: Ivan Moreno.

Houston ISD. *Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts:* Samantha Pape and Audrey Tollett.

Humble ISD. *Kingwood HS:* Isaac Recio and Jude Watt.

Magnolia ISD. *Magnolia HS:* Taylor Frick.

Pearland ISD. *Glenda Dawson HS:* Avery Sanderlin.

An auditioned choir of high school singers, the Choral Scholars lead most of the 9:45 am worship services during the school year. St. Paul's Choir will lead the 9:45 worship service on February 16.

Philharmonic Orchestra

Treble Choir and St. Paul's member McKenna Miller earned All-State Philharmonic Orchestra honors. She is a violin student at Houston ISD's Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

Grant Applications Available

Through its permanent endowment, St. Paul's Foundation provides grants to a variety of organizations as well as to St. Paul's UMC for maintenance and ministries support. In 2019, the Foundation made 20 mission grants totaling \$83,835.

Grant applications for 2020 are now available, and completed applications are due by May 15. To download an application, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-grants.

The purpose of the grants process of the St. Paul's Foundation is to support and further the ministries, programs, and outreach of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Foundation seeks grant applications from organizations and ministries which support the needs of children, youth, adults, and senior adults in the Houston area, in our nation, and throughout the world.

Special attention is given to those agencies that are connected to St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its members and which support those in need and at risk.

For more information, email foundation@stpaulshouston.org.

Lectionary Readings and Music for February 2020

Watch any of these services live: www.stpaulshouston.org/live-stream.
For readings' texts, illuminated by art: www.stpaulshouston.org/sermons

FEBRUARY 2. 4TH SUNDAY AFTER

THE EPIPHANY

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Congregational Hymns, all services

75 *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*
163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*
618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir:

The Secret of Christ - Richard Shephard
Thy Perfect Love - John Rutter

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Be Thou My Vision - Philip Stopford
(Elizabeth Gutierrez, oboe)
Prayer of Julian of Norwich - Carson Cooman

FEBRUARY 9. 5TH SUNDAY AFTER

THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Congregational Hymns, all services

126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
537 *Filled with the Spirit's Power*
670 *Go Forth for God*

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars and Treble Choir, all services

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(Julie Moreno, clarinet)
Laudate Jehovam, ommnes gentes - George Philipp Telemmann

FEBRUARY 16. 6TH SUNDAY AFTER

THE EPIPHANY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Congregational Hymns, all services

674 *See the Morning Sun Ascending*
In bulletin *Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You*

578 *God of Love and God of Power*

Sung by St. Paul's Choir, all services

Beati quorum via - Charles Stanford
I Sat down under His Shadow - Birstow (9:45 only)

FEBRUARY 23. TRANSFIGURATION

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Congregational Hymns, all morning services

185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*
157 *Jesus Shall Reign*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir with Mercury Chamber Orchestra

O Jesu Christ, meins Leben Licht - J.S. Bach

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars with Mercury Chamber Orchestra

This Is My Beloved Son - Knýt Nysted
Duet from Bach Cantata 93 (Emily Pace and Ariadne Lopez)

4 pm Choral Evensong

Congregational Hymns

258 *O Wondrous Sight*
In bulletin *Christ Triumphant*

Sung by St. Paul's Choir

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D - George Dyson

Anthem: *O Light of Light* - David Ashley White

FEBRUARY 26. ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 12:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

7 pm Service

Congregational Hymns

269 *Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days*

390 *Forgive our sins as We Forgive*
In bulletin *Sunday's Palms Are*

Wednesday's Ashes

Sung by St. Paul's Treble Choir

Miserere mei - William Byrd



Choir Festival Benefitting EAC

The choirs and organists of St. Paul's, Christ Church Cathedral, First Presbyterian Church, and South Main Baptist Church will present a hymn festival on Sunday, February 9, at 5 pm. The festival benefitting the Emergency Air Coalition will be at South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main.

Music by St. Paul's will include *I Was Glad* - Hubert Parry, *Sing We Merrily* - Sidney Campbell, *The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me* - Edward Elgar, and *When in our Music God Is Glorified* - David Ashley White.

Harvey Work Day: February 22

If you are tired of hearing about Hurricane Harvey, think how those still affected must feel. Let's help them (finally) get through this.

The next two Harvey work days will be February 22 and March 28. For more information and to sign up for the work team: www.stpaulshouston.org/harvey or email Amy Taylor, Director of Missions, via ataylor@stpaulshouston.org.

Thanks to all who responded to the emergency call to help those affected to the January 24 Watson Grinding & Manufacturing Co. explosion in northwest Houston.

2020 Pledges, Giving Records

Pledges to St. Paul's 2020 operating budget may be made at any time. To do so, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/stewardship.

You also may make contributions to the operating budget at any time via www.stpaulshouston.org/give and click on the blue "Give Online" button.

To check your statements of giving to St. Paul's, also go to www.stpaulshouston.org/give, but click on the black "Log In" button.

If you have difficulty accessing your records through the Log In button, please contact Church Administrator Veronica Pearce via vpearce@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a baptism or flowers or to update your membership records, please contact Rachel Wiggs via rachel@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x123.

To let the Church know of births, hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths in the family or other concerns, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x113.

Theater and the Sacred

Ordinary Life Women's February 6 program focuses on Theater, the Sacred, and the Human Experience.

Presented at noon in J-204, by Main Street Theater's Shannon Emerick, the group will explore what it means to be able to share our stories and how we come together through our stories, much as the disciples did.

Emerick also will talk about her belief of theater spaces as sacred ground, as one of the thin places where we are closer to God."

All women are welcome.

Parking Hang Tags

Get at Welcome Table on Sundays or Reception Desk during the week.

Ongoing Weekly

Key to locations on page 7

Sundays

- 8:30, 9:45, and 11:05 am. Worship. Sanctuary.
- 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Sunday School classes for all ages. For information and locations: Visit Welcome Table at JB entrance. Childcare first floor JB.
- 9:45 am. Seasonal Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. J-211. Jan. 5 to May 31.
- 10:30-noon. Children's Choirs Rehearsals. S-106.
- 2 pm. AFA Choir Rehearsal. S-131 and J-211.
- 5 pm. UMY, Confirmation. Youth Center.
- 5 pm. Al-Anon. J-202.

Mondays (except Monday holidays unless indicated)

- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- 6:15 pm. Dance Aerobics. Activity Center.
- 7 pm. Calumet Friends, open AA group. J-204. (meets on Monday holidays)
- 7:30 pm. Open Basketball. Activity Center.

Tuesdays

- Noon. Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan. J-211.
- 12:30 pm. Tuesday Friends. J-203.
- 5 pm. SEARCH Coming Home. Jan. 14-June 30. Fondren Hall.
- 6:30 pm. City-wide Epworth (Young Adult) League. 3471 Westheimer. St. Paul's anchor group meets Sundays at 9:45 am in J-202.
- 6:30-8 pm. *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*. Fellers Room (S-312). Jan. 7 to Feb. 25.
- 6:30 pm. Bayou City Women's Chorus. S-131.

Wednesdays

- 7 am. Men's Lectionary Bible Study Breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. Fondren Lounge.
- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- Noon. Al-Anon. A-101.
- 12:05 pm. Veterans Helping Veterans. Youth Center.
- 12:15 pm. Communion Service. Chapel. Homilists change weekly.
- 3:30-7 pm. Youth Mid Week Get Together. Youth Center. (most school year Wednesdays)
- 4 pm. Wood Duck Farms Delivery. JB Lobby.
- 5:30-6:30 pm. Treble Choir Rehearsals. S-106. (most school year Wednesdays)
- 7 pm. St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal. S-131.
- 7:30 pm. IDAA. A-101.
- 7:30 pm. Open Basketball. Activity Center.

Thursdays

- 8:30 am. Women's Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Barbara Robberson. J-211.

This Month's Calendar — February 2020

KEY to Location abbreviations

A=Abraham Station, 5401 Fannin • J or JB=Jones Building, 5400 Fannin
S=Sanctuary Building, 5501 Main at Binz/Bissonnet

Questions about any listing: dadair@stpaulshouston.org.

Ongoing weekly calendar on page 6.

February 1. Saturday.

- 1 pm. Confirmands visit Hindu Temple.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Souper Bowl of Caring

- 9:45 am. Children's Lenten Art Day.
- 9:45 am. Homelessness series continues in Living Faith class with Jean West Evans of the EAC. J-220.
- 11:05 am. Women's Healing Art Circle. S-300.
- 12:15 pm. Food Service Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon. Fondren Hall.
- 1-4 pm. Prayers and Squares. A-101. Questions? sari.r.frey@gmail.com
- 5 pm. Fe y Esperanza worship service en español. Chapel.
- 5 pm-game over. Youth Super Bowl Party. Youth Center.

February 4. Tuesday.

- 7 pm. Girls Bible Study: *Ruth*. Youth Center. Led by Oksana. Also Feb. 18.

February 5. Wednesday.

- 6:30 pm. Lay Visitation Training. J-204.

February 6. Thursday

- 8:30 am. Sugar Land Sisters. Location: leatherwoodjl@aol.com
- Noon. Ordinary Life Women. J-204.
- 6:30-8 pm. Her|Meneutics. For location: hermeneuticsSPUMC@gmail.com

February 8. Saturday.

- St. Paul's Cycling. For start time and location: awolfe@stpaulshouston.org

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Worship led by St. Paul's Youth.

- 9:45 am. Homelessness series concludes in Living Faith with Meg Pohodich, CEO of Harmony House. J-220.
- 11:05 am. Cancer Support Healing Circle. S-300.
- 12:15 pm. Amazing Parents Amazing Kids. J-204. (moved from usual 1st Sunday)
- 12:15 pm. Coffee with Pastors. JB Lobby.
- 12:15 pm. Border Mission Trip Meeting. Fellers Room (S-312). Also Feb. 16.
- 5 pm. St. Paul's Choir at Hymn Festival. South Main Baptist. 4100 Main St.

February 10. Monday.

St. Paul's School 2020-21 registration deadline for St. Paul's members

- 6:30 pm. Bell Practice. Also Feb. 24.

February 11. Tuesday.

- 9:15 am. SP School presents *The 10 Biggest Mistakes Young Parents Make and How to Fix Them* by Dr. Kimberly Swales. J-204. Also Feb. 18. RSVP to spschool@stpaulshouston.org, indicating if childcare needed.
- 6:30 pm. Parents of Murdered Children. J-211.
- 7 pm. NAMI Support. J-202, A-101.

February 12. Wednesday.

- 8 am-5 pm. Sexual Ethics Training for Clergy. Fondren Hall.
- 9:30 am. St. Paul's Moms. Youth Center. Also Feb. 26. Questions? stpaulsmomshouston@gmail.com.
- Noon. TCCEF Lunch. Fellers Room.
- 5:30 pm. Houston Methodist Heart Health Support Group. J-204.

February 13. Thursday.

- 10:30 am. Primetimers Program. Fondren Hall. [See page 3.](#)
- 6 pm. Health Care for All Texas. J-202.

February 14. Friday.

- 6-10 pm. Kids Night Out. Theme: *Valentine's Party*. RSVP required to childcare@stpaulshouston.org.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- 11:05 am. Border Mission Team commissioned during worship.
- 11:05 am. Claiming Peace. S-300. Questions? hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.
- 12:15-2:15 pm. New Member Connection. Fondren Hall.
- 12:15-2 pm. Voice for Life workshop.
- 12:15 pm. Health Team Sub-Com. J-204.

February 17. Monday.

- 7 pm. Ordinary Life Book Group. discusses *The Time Is Now* by Joan Chittister. For location: george.a.sroka@gmail.com.

February 18. Tuesday.

- 10:30 am. St. Paul's Women's News and Views. J-204.
- 11 am. Foundation Investment Committee. J-202. Board at noon in Fondren Lounge.
- 6 pm. Kidney Smart. J-211.
- 7 pm. Chapter One Book Group discuss-

es *Lulu in Marrakech* by Diane Johnson. J-203.

Feb. 19-23. Border Mission Trip.

February 19. Wednesday.

- 4 pm. Chapel Service for Youth and After-School Program Children. Chapel.
- 6:30 pm. Lay Visitation Training. J-204.

February 20. Thursday.

- 9 am. Senior Men's Breakfast. IHOP at 2515 SW Freeway.
- 10 am. Healing of Racism Healing Art Circle. Location and RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org
- 6:30-8 pm. Her|Meneutics. S-102.

February 21. Friday.

- 6:30-8 pm. Fellowship Friday. [See page 1.](#) Feb. 21-23. Ignite Mid-Winter Retreat. Grades 7-12.

February 22. Saturday.

- 8:30 am-4 pm. Harvey Work Team.
- 9 am-3:30 pm. Perkins Houston Lay School of Theology. Fondren Hall.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- 9:45 am. Spirituality in Space: Lessons from NASA. Living Faith. J-220.
- 4 pm. St. Paul's Choir sings Evensong for Transfiguration.
- 5-7 pm. Parents P.R.A.Y. Fellers Room.

February 24. Monday.

- 9:30 am. Art of Parenting. S-300. Questions? hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.
- 5:30 pm. Lay Visitation Team Monthly Reflection. 1201 Southmore.

February 26. Wednesday.

- 8 am. Ash Wednesday Breakfast hosted by Men's Lectionary Bible Study. Fondren Hall. \$10/person. No RSVP required.
- 12:15 pm. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. Sanctuary. Homilist: Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald.
- 6:30 pm. PRN IDAA. A-101.
- 5 pm. Dual-language Spanish/English Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. Outside Labyrinth.
- 7 pm. Ash Wednesday Service. Sanctuary. Homilist: Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald.

February 27. Thursday.

- 10-11:30 am. New Women's Healing Art Circle. S-300.
- 12:15 pm. Lenten Recital Series begins with Mercury Chamber Orchestra led by Antoine Plante. [See page 8.](#)

February 28. Friday.

- 7 pm. Girls Bible Study Sleepover.

February 29. Saturday.

- 9 am-5 pm. VetTRIIP. Abraham Station.

Preview of March 2020

2020 Lenten Recital Series

St. Paul's Lenten Recital Series 2020 will feature concert performances by some of the best musicians in Houston and a special guest ensemble from Washington, DC: Eya.

The series begins on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, continuing each Thursday until April 2, prior to Palm Sunday. All but the Eya concert will be at 12:15 pm. This exception will be at 7:30 pm when this award-winning vocal ensemble specializing in the interpretation of medieval music for women's voices will present *Pilgrimage*. The performance will be preceded by a lecture at 6:30 pm by Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley.

Thanks to underwriting by the St. Paul's Chamber Music Society, admission is to all of these concerts is free, and all are welcome. The schedule follows:

Thursday, February 27. 12:15 pm. Mercury Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul's ensemble-in-residence, directed by Antoine Plante, playing concertos by Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi. Featuring soloists Jonathan Godfrey and Oleg Sulyga.



Mercury Chamber Orchestra opens 2020 Lenten Recital Series February 27 at 12:15 pm.



Eya presents *Pilgrimage*

Thursday, March 5. 7:30 pm. Eya presents *Pilgrimage* that follows the humming routes of the Camino de Santiago as well as the path towards the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat with music of medieval Spain from the Codex Calixtinus, Las Huelgas Codex, and the Llibre Vermell.

At 6:30 pm Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley will deliver a pre-recital lecture about experiences of his recent jour-

ney along the historic pilgrimage routes of France and Spain.

Thursday, March 12. 12:15 pm. HGO Artists Leia Lensing, mezzo-soprano; Nicholas Newton, bass-baritone and Alex



HGO Artists

Munger, piano present a program of art songs by Benjamin Britten, Gerald Finzi, and Herbert Howells, and operatic arias by Handel and Mozart

Thursday, March 19. 12:15 pm. Apollo Chamber Players presents "Music of the Americas," a program featuring newly commissioned works by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning American composers Libby Larsen and Jennifer Higdon, and music by Silvestre Revueltas (Mexico), Heitor Villa Lobos (Brazil), and Leo Brouwer (Cuba).



Apollo Chamber Players

Thursday, March 26. 12:15 pm. Space City Winds. Specializing in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries, Houston's newest chamber ensemble performs Mozart's Serenade in C minor and works by Haydn and Charles Gounod.

Thursday, April 2. 12:15 pm. St. Paul's Consort, a chamber



Space City Winds



St. Paul's Consort

choir of singers from St. Paul's Choir, sings Tudor and Elizabethan music for Lent and Holy Week: William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices* and works by Orlando Gibbons, Thomas Tallis, and John Sheppard.

Men to Men Clothing Ministry for the Emergency Aid Coalition



Men's Shoes • sizes 10 and up
Jeans, pants, & shorts • sizes 30 to 36
Men's Shirts • sizes large and up
Please place in barrels at church entrances or on table on the Plaza March 1.

Sacred Space for Lent and Easter

All are invited to participate in the Lenten Sacred Space in the Jones Building Foyer beginning March 1. Return to this Sacred Space on Easter Sunday to see how it has transformed.