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Pastor's Message

On March 2 we celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the season of Lent. The Ash Wednesday prayer in the 1965 *Book of Worship* invites us into the season with these words: *Almighty God, who hast taught us in the life and teaching of thy holy Son the way of true blessedness, and has shown us in his suffering and death that the path of love may lead to a cross: Give us grace to learn these hard lessons, to take up our cross and follow Christ, in strength, patience, and constancy of faith; through the same thy son Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen.*



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald
Senior Pastor

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism.

Today, we Christians focus on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of ourselves for others.

The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of the Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Maybe instead of giving something up for Lent, you chose to take one of the spiritual disciplines and add it to your life, join the *Cultivating and Letting Go* study (See story at right), or read the book on your own.

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Ash Wednesday Breakfast, Ashes, Services

Begin Ash Wednesday, March 2, with breakfast hosted by the Men's Lectionary Bible Study Group at 7:30am in Fondren Hall. Rev. Dr. Elijah Stansell, District Superintendent, Central South District, Texas Conference, will be the guest speaker.

From 8 am to 5 pm the Sanctuary will be open for prayer, reflection, and the receiving of ashes. Ashes also will be imposed in the Jones Building at school drop off and pick up and on the sidewalk from 11 am to 1 pm.

Ash Wednesday services will be in person in the Sanctuary and live-streamed (www.stpaulshouston.org/stream) at noon, 5, and 7 pm.



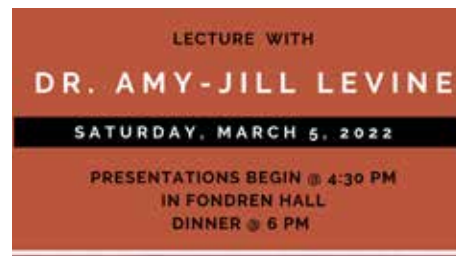
A class on Lenten spiritual practices will be conducted on three Sundays in Lent — March 6 and 27, April 3 — from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

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

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

To RSVP for the class or for more information, please contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

Lenten Devotionals based on this theme are available for pick up at the Plaza entrance. A suggested donation is requested to cover cost of materials.



Dr. Amy-Jill Levine presents a two lectures — "The Women Who Followed Jesus" and "The Cross and the Roman Empire" — on Saturday, March 5, supplementing her new book, *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*. Childcare will be provided. She also will preach at the March 6 worship services.

Levine is the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Department of Jewish Studies.

This lecture is made possible by the generosity of the Pearson Lectureship for Interfaith Understanding within the St. Paul's Foundation.

For more about Levine and to register for this event, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/events/levine-lecture or call 713-528-0527.

Lenten Recital Series Returns

Thanks to the St. Paul's Chamber Music Society, admission to this series of recitals is free of charge each Thursday in Lent. Five are at 12:15 pm. The exception is on March 17, which is at 7:30 pm. Online streaming will be available via www.stpaulshouston.org/stream.

The series begins with Mercury Chamber Orchestra on March 3. For information about each recital and the artists, please see page 3.

New “Green” Events in Early March

St. Paul’s is celebrating the transition to multi-stream recycling with a Recycling Kick-off on Sunday, March 6. The church will be recycling plastics and aluminum in addition to previously only paper and cardboard. This multi-stream recycling further reduces the church’s waste footprint as one more step in being better stewards of the Earth. Please also continue the practices of using re-usable cups, mugs, and tableware at the church as well as at home.

RoadRunner Recycling, St. Paul’s new recycling vendor, provided these guidelines for recycling at St. Paul’s. (Recycling items vary by jurisdiction and vendor.)

Accepted — Please place in any of St. Paul’s Recycling Receptacles:

- Plastics #1-5 + 7 (#6 is polystyrene and not widely accepted for recycling)
- Rinsed paper or plastic beverage containers
- Clean aluminum foil, trays, and cans
- Clean tin food cans
- Plastic bottles, both colored and clear

Not accepted — Please place in trash cans when not usable; some of these, notably electronics, can be handled through specialty recyclers:

- Glass, including Pyrex® brand dishware
- Plastic grocery bags and plastic wrap (may be place a store drop-off barrel)
- Eating utensils or plastic plates and cups
- Polystyrene (popular brand name: Styrofoam™)
- Broken light bulbs or any electronics
- Scrap metal
- Paint cans (may be recycled at a household hazardous waste site)

New Community Garden Season

The second spring season for the Community Garden begins with planting day on Friday, March 4, starting at 10 am.

To provide leadership support for these Creation Care initiatives, please contact hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Who to Contact for What

To reach any 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



Caroline & Ryan Levins with Greyson Charlie

New Members. Welcome to St. Paul’s Family Caroline and Ryan Levins, who joined on February 13, 2022.

Member Wedding. Congratulations to Ginny Walters and Robert Vick, who were married at St. Paul’s on Saturday, February 12, 2022.

Birth. Congratulations to Amanda and Rev. Andrew

Wolfe on the birth of their son, John Hudson Wolfe, born February 5, 2022.

Baptism. Caroline and Ryan Levins presented their son, Greyson Charlie Levins, born May 27, 2021, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 13, 2022.

Flowers.

The flowers at the altar on February 3, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Willard on the anniversary of his birth by his family.

The flowers at the altar on February 13, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Ginny Walters

and Robert Vick on February 12, 2022.

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Susan and William Budge on the death of Susan’s mother, William’s grandmother, Doris Jean Budge, who did on February 12, 2022, in Dallas.

Deepest sympathy to Nina Hall on the recent death of her dad.

Deepest sympathy to Marta, Joanna, and Matt Day on the death Marta’s husband and Joanna and Matt’s father, Rev. Dr. K. Wayne Day, who died February 17, 2022, in Horse-shoe Bay, Texas. He was senior pastor of St. Paul’s

from 1982 to 1995.

A service in his memory will be held at The Church at Marble Falls on Friday, March 4, at 1 p.m. His remains will be inurned in St. Paul’s Columbarium at a time to be determined this Spring.

In announcing his death, Joanna wrote: “My dad lived by John Wesley’s entreaty to ‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.’”

“If you are moved to, please do something good for someone in his memory.”

2022 Lenten Recital Schedule

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Thursday, March 3, at 12:15 pm

Mercury Chamber Orchestra, with Sarah Dyer, contralto

St. Paul's Ensemble-in-residence, the Mercury Chamber Orchestra, directed by Antoine Plante, opens our 2022 Series with Handel's *Concerto Grosso in A minor*, HWV 322, and Vivaldi's moving *Stabat Mater*.

Thursday, March 10 at 12:15 pm

Thomas Gaynor, organ

Winner of the St. Alban's International Organ Competition and the Third International Bach/Liszt Competition, Thomas Gaynor performs music by J. S. Bach, including the monumental *Passacaglia* and *Fugue In C minor*, BWV 582.

Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 pm

Elissa Edwards, soprano & Timothy Hester, piano

Jane Austen's Songbook

In this charming evening concert, acclaimed soprano Elissa Edwards and pianist Timothy Hester bring to life music collected, copied by hand, and performed by celebrated English author Jane Austen herself.

Thursday, March 24, at 12:15pm

Artists from Houston Grand Opera

HGO maintains one of the premier programs in the world for the next generation of opera stars and coaches. In this recital, Sun-Ly Pierce, mezzo-soprano; Luke Sutliff, baritone; and Alex Munger, piano; present French art songs and popular opera arias.

Thursday, March 31, at 12:15pm

Deux Voix: Stephen Distad, organ; Justin Langham, trumpet

Inventions, chorale preludes, and sarabandes by Bach, "Gabriel's Oboe Variations on 'Lord of the Dance,'" and Mark Hayes' "Chanson Festif," commissioned by the *Deux Voix* duo for performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC.

Thursday, April 7, at 12:15pm

James Palmer, piano

Winner of the International Young Artists Piano Competition in Washington, DC, James Palmer performs music by Schubert, Liszt, Fauré, and Scriabin, plus Beethoven's *Sonata in A flat major*, Op. 110.

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please e- mail
dadair@stpaulshouston.org
or call 713-528-0527

Clergy Appointments

A letter from Michael Barrett, Staff-Parish Relations Chair, and Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor
February 17, 2022

St. Paul's Family,

As you are aware, in the United Methodist Church we have an itinerant system for placing pastors in congregations. Clergy are called by God but sent by the Bishop and Cabinet. Sometimes pastors ask to be sent to other places, and that is where we find ourselves with Pastor Karyn and Pastor Paul. Karyn would like to be closer to home where she can care for her mother, and so has asked for an appointment in the Greater Northwest area (Alaska, Pacific Northwest, and Oregon-Idaho conferences). We found out last week that she and Paul will both be appointed to churches in the northwest area effective July 1, 2022.



Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

While we are sad they will be leaving fruitful ministries here at St. Paul's, we wish them the very best in their new appointments.



Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan

On Sunday, February 20, we will announce where Karyn will be serving, and as soon as it becomes official, we can announce where Paul will be appointed.

Over the coming weeks, we will be working with our District Superintendent, Elijah Stansell, regarding filling the positions. We will also need to work on proper farewells for Karyn and Paul in the summer.

Addendum: On Sunday, February 20, it was announced that Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan has been appointed to be Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Portland (www.umcpdx.org).

Pastor's Message

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Whatever it looks like for you, my prayer is that we find ways to follow Christ in strength, patience, and faith.

Peace,
Jeff
Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor



Youth-Led Sunday Participants

8:30 am Service

Andrew Alley, Alyssa Barrett, Winston Beebe, Riley Brennan, Zoe Clark, Alex Cross, Reed Cross, Mia Cuellar, Marcos Flores, Miguel Flores, Mariam Galstyan, Jacob Gunn, Noah Gunn, Slade Ledford, Kieran O'Malley, Samantha Perdue, William Plante, Ryder Plante, Reese Riseden, Christian Robins, Will Robins, Connor Roddick, Corbin Wanner, Charlotte Witz, and Madeline Witz

11 am Service

Jack Arnold, Bennett Blewer, William Budge, Drake Campbell, James Clark, Lauren Cross, Mariam Galstyan, Ryan Finlay, Paul Irishkov, Kathleen Molineu, Georgia Mustachio, Alexis Ninan, Christian Ninan, Luke Olshefski, Logan Peterman, Christian

Robins, Josh Rodkey, Sarah Tansey, Camille Thrash, Collin Thrash, Audrey Tollett, Olivia Watson, Mark Wheeler, Matthew Wheeler, Joan Wilsford, and Nick Yankowsky

Combined Youth Choir

Joel Aguillon Lafargue, Rachel Anderson, Zach Baldwin, Lauren Bautista, Linden Beebe, Layah Brown, Alexandra Bruk, Faithe Choate, Emma Davis, Oliver Farfán-Santos, Jason Gambino, Paul Gau, Olivia Gonzalez, Gabe Gutierrez, Lucy Jacques Holt, Mason Kuchar, Aaron LaVohn, Ethan Long, Timothy Moss, Emma Mudd, Noah Navarrete, Nina Nguyen, Claire Plante, Trinity Pugh, Miles Reynolds, Alexis Rivera, Fatima Rodriguez, Ella Taylor, Roma Taylor, Camille Thrash, Audrey Tollett,

Emily Vanlandingham, Sarah Vanlandingham, Aevin Venegas, Sophia Watson, Kate Wubbenhorst, Mia Wubbenhorst, and Dennis Xu

Youth Adult Leadership

Director of Youth Ministries: Tiffin Wilsford; *Associate Director of Youth Ministries:* Julianna Reeves; *Sunday School Teachers:* Bob Brown, Noel Chang, Paula Stapleton, and Jennifer West; *Confirmation Teachers:* Danny Clark, Mike Mosby, Sharon Mosby, and Martin Stupel; *UMY Leaders:* Anna Anderson, Darrell Anderson, Daley Beard, David Gunn, Wesley Holt, and John Watson; *Acolyte Warden:* Michael Pirics; *Choral Scholars Director:* Matt Perez; and *Treble Choir Director:* Joel Trezell

YOUTH MARCH BASIC SCHEDULE

No evening or weekday gatherings from March 12 to 19

Sundays

- *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

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.

June 20-24. Music (morning) and Sports (afternoon) Camps.

June 22-July 1. JUMMP. Mission trip to Lufkin for youth who have completed grades 6-8.

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)

August 1-5. VBS (morning) and Sports Camp (afternoon)/Youth Week (all day).

St. Paul's at Heights Kids' Day of Music March 26

The Heights Kids' Day of Music is a free music festival all about inspiring children to have a lifelong love of and engagement with music and the arts. St. Paul's will be in the Creative Zone with art activities and

Musikgarten March 4

St. Paul's Exemplary-rated Musikgarten program, taught by Ellen Edwards, resumes Friday, March 4, with classes for ages 0 to 15 months (9:30-10 am) and 16 months to toddlers (10:45 to 11:15 am), each with an adult caregiver.



Individual lessons in art, cello, piano, and voice

— in-person and virtual — are continuing. Registration is ongoing.

See class descriptions, faculty bios, and registration brochure at www.stpaulshouston.org/fine-arts-academy

information about the Fine Arts Academy, Healing Art Circles, and The Art Tent.

More than 20 other arts organizations will be in the Creative Zone with an instrument exploration area, singing station, and Joy of Drumming and Dancescape tents. Two stages also will be dedicated to music.

The event will be in Love Park, 1000 West 12th, from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, March 26.



- Lenten Devotional booklets illustrated by St. Paul's Children are at entrances and at www.stpaulshouston.org/childrens-ministry

Children's Sundays

- 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 who start in worship with their families but do not stay for the whole hour come forward during the sequence hymn to be escorted to Children's Church or Choristers choir rehearsal.



Kidventure

Returns to St. Paul's

Seven unique weeks of LEADS summer day camp for young people entering the 6th through 9th grades will be conducted on St. Paul's campus — June 13-July 29.

For more information about Kidventure, see www.kidventure.com. About the LEADS camps, see www.kidventure.com/leads, where more specific information about the camps at St. Paul's and registration links also are provided.

Boys Invited to Build Choir

Building toward a Tenor/Bass Choir, Associate Director of Music & Organist Joel Trekell is offering individual singing lessons to boys ages 11-17 with the goal of forming an ensemble.

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.

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

Kids Nights Out: Dates & Themes

All tentative, depending on COVID concerns

March 4. Spring Fling

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

Choral Music for St. Paul's Children and Youth

The Children's Choirs (Wesley Singers and Choristers) are under the direction of Susie Vanlandingham. The Treble Choir is directed by Joel Trekell.

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.

Individual and small group singing lessons also are available throughout the week.

To register for either of the children's choirs or for more infor-

mation about them, contact Susie Vanlandingham via susie@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

The Joyful Noise music assembly on Sundays at 9:45 am for children from age 3 to 2nd grade is also 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.

Treble Choir

Rehearsals for this choir of treble voices are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Questions? Joel Trekell via jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org.

Primetimers: Your Neighborhood Bats

Because the March 10 Primetimers program will be the same day as a Lenten Recital (See Page 3.), to allow for full enjoyment of both opportunities, the Primetimers program will begin at 10 am with lunch at 11.

Presenting the March 10 program will be



Diana Foss, Coordinator of the Houston Area Bat Team and Urban Wildlife Biologist of the Texas Parks &

Wildlife's Wildlife Diversity Program, who will tell us about "Our Neighborhood Bats."

An estimated 300,000 Mexican free-tailed bats live under Houston's Waugh Street Bridge, and she has been researching and managing the colony since 2003. In this endeavor she works with a dedicated and skilled group of trained volunteers, The Houston Area Bat Team.

On a bat-viewing platform at the southeast corner of Waugh Drive and Allen Parkway, Bat Team members give "Bat Chats" on Fridays, from the first Friday in March to the last Friday in October, starting 30 minutes before sunset. Then the bats emerge from under the bridge in search of food — up to 2/3 of their bodyweight — going up to 100 miles round trip each evening. Research has demonstrated that these bats can save farmers up to two applications of pesticides per year.

This breed of bats is sometimes called "guano bats" for their prolific production of this natural fertilizer. This guano also is a potential treasure trove for biotechnologists for detoxifying industrial wastes and producing natural insecticides. Stratified guano deposits in free-tail bat caves have been used to monitor environmental pollution and investigate prehistoric climatic changes.

Learn more about our neighborhood bats, their benefits, and other fun bat facts at the March 10 meeting in the Activity Center. The meeting is open to all free of charge. To enjoy the \$10 lunch with the group, RSVP by Tuesday March 8, to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or by calling 713-528-0527.

Ordinary Life Women Instrumental in After-School Music Program

After Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan spoke in October 2020 with the Ordinary Life Women about St. Paul's community involvement, they asked him to identify opportunities for the group to get involved. He introduced them to Rev. Linda Davis, Pastor at Boynton Chapel UMC near the University of Houston.

The group has since partnered with the church for food pantry distribution, by adopting families for the holidays, and helping Davis re-institute an after-school music program with many other St. Paul's members and friends donating instruments. That program — and measurable positive results from it — was featured in the Texas Annual Conference's February 10, 2022, *Cross Connections* newsletter. That story is edited for brevity below.

There's music in the halls after school at Blackshear Elementary in Houston's Third Ward, thanks to a partnership with nearby Boynton Chapel UMC. The church's new program is demonstrating that learning an instrument translates to higher test scores and better behavior in the classroom.

In response to children asking to come inside the building, Davis started the academy soon after being appointed to Boynton, but it grew dormant after COVID hit.

So Davis began brainstorming what to do next. Finances were no longer available, she explained. "I knew I needed to get this music program going, but how?"

St. Paul's Ordinary Life Women came to her aid. "They asked me about my vision," Davis recalled.

The first order of business was finding instruments. "We had some guitars, a keyboard and drums, but that was it," Davis said. "Now we have every instrument you can imagine — saxophone, clarinet, flute, tuba, trumpet, drums, recorders, and violins."

Davis then learned that nearby Blackshear Elementary did not have any after-school activities planned because of funding constraints. Principal Alicia Gobert Lewis worried about parents, many of whom worked until 5 pm and struggled to pick up their children.

Davis proposed moving the music program to the school, and

Lewis gave her a list of parents who needed after-school care.

Davis called every single one, and many were relieved and excited to have the option.

One mother started crying at the beginning of the call, Davis recalled. She was being forced to choose between picking her child up after school or losing her job.

Called "scholars," participants are in pre-K to 5th grade. They meet Monday through Friday for music lessons plus homework help provided by the church.

Grants and private donations helped launch the music ministry, but further contributions are needed to help it continue and expand, Davis explained. She is currently focused on applying for more grants.

Preliminary data indicates that about 44 percent of scholars in the program have 10 percent or higher reading growth, improving up to 43 percent. And 59 percent showed a 10 percent or higher improvement in math, increasing up to 49 percent.

Anecdotal evidence also indicates better conduct in the classroom and good citizenship from the scholars, the pastor added.

"When someone learns music, they develop attention, listening, team skills, and the discipline needed to practice," Davis concluded. "That plays into their cognitive capacity, motivation to learn, and self-efficacy."

Johanna Wolfe New Foundation Executive Director

Johanna Wolfe has been named executive director of St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston, effective April 1, 2022. She succeeds Mary Linda Portner, who has been director of stewardship for the church as well as executive director of the Foundation.

Wolfe was vice president for development and advancement for University of Houston-Downtown for 11 years, a position from which she retired in December 2021.

Wolfe has served as a Foundation board member for the last six years, including two as board chair.

She and her husband, Richard, are long-time St. Paul's members, along with their daughter Emily, and she and Emily are members of St. Paul's Choir.

"Mary Linda began her time with us just before the pandemic," said Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, "and that brought a new set of challenges to her work. Despite these challenges, she was able to run a successful campaign to encourage people to give through automatic drafts to the church; this truly helped during the time we were having only online services."

Within the Foundation, Portner created the Cornerstone Society and added 14 new members to the Willing Friends Society of legacy donors.

"I am so thankful for her work in these areas. Mostly I'm thankful for her deep level of spirituality that she brought to the staff of St. Paul's in these tough times. And I am thankful that she will remain an active part of the St. Paul's Family through Sunday School, Bible studies, mission work, lay reading, and our worship life together," McDonald concluded.



Johanna Wolfe, Executive Director, St. Paul's Foundational, effective April 1

March Missions

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

March 5. The Disaster Recovery Team's monthly workday will be Saturday, March 5, from 9 am to 3 pm. Sign up via www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2022/3/5/disaster-recovery-team

March 26. Culture Bump Training. Saturday, March 26, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in Fondren Hall. Created by St. Paul's member Carol Archer, this training for working across cultural differences will be specifically oriented for those who will be working with the Afghan refugees or are interested in getting involved. (www.culturebump.com)

March 27. Missional Imaging. Sunday March 27, at 12:15 pm in the Fellers Room. Imagine new missional opportunities and get involved with into already existing projects.

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.

Foundation Grants

Applications for grants from St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston are available at www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation

The purpose of this grants process 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 that 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 connected to St. Paul's UMC and its members and that support those in need and at risk.

Completed applications are due Friday, May 13. Awards will be in June.

Amazing Place Offers Variety of Programs for Persons Living with Dementia and Caregivers

Amazing Place empowers lives disrupted by dementia. Participants from age 50+ who have been diagnosed with mild to moderate dementia may experience an invigorating Day Program that promotes health, wellness, and fellowship. This also allows their families to receive a well-deserved respite and the comfort of knowing that their loved one is enjoying a stimulating, fulfilling day.

The Connections Program provides essential knowledge, tools, and support for families, caregivers, health professionals, congregations, and the community at large. Caregiver support includes "Savvy Caregiver" training, caregiver support groups, and counseling. Community education includes brain health matters presentations, memory enhancement training to address common everyday memory concerns (but not intended for people with a form of dementia), training for home health assistants, and "Aging Well while Aging Solo," a four-part series to help participants get their documents in order, define their support network, understand what is involved with aging in place or moving to a care community, and determining the next steps.

St. Paul's is a supporting congregation. Renee Hawkins is Board Secretary, Beth Anne Gunn and Rev. Richard Pettys Sr. represent St. Paul's on the Council of Congregations, and several St. Paul's members are regular volunteers.

Looking Ahead

Stations of the Cross Lecture by Donating Artist Richard Williams

Mixed media art in shadow boxes depicting the Stations of the Cross has been donated to St. Paul's by Houston artist



Fourth Station:
Jesus Meets His
Mother

Richard Williams. It will be displayed in the Gallery on the first floor outside the Youth Center before Palm Sunday.

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.

For a preview of the artist's work, see his webpage: www.artistrichardwilliams.com.

Holy Week Schedule

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

April 10. Palm/Passion Sunday. Two services at 8:30 and 11 am, each beginning outside with palm procession into the Sanctuary. During the 9:45 hour, Richard Williams, the donating artist of St. Paul's new *Stations of the Cross* will speak in Fondren Hall. (See story at left.)

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

April 11-13. Devotionals will be provided online. No mid-week Communion service at the church.

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

April 15. Good Friday Services. 11 am Tenebrae for children and youth. Noon with St. Paul's Choir. 7 pm bilingual Spanish/English. All in Sanctuary.

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

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

Hearts in Hands

The Emergency Aid Coalition 2022 Gala — Hearts in Hands — will be Saturday, April 23, at the OMNI Hotel Houston, 4 Riverway. Ticket and sponsor information at www.eachouston.org/events



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

Recital by Sarah Dyer April 25

Contralto Sarah Dyer will present a voice recital in the Sanctuary on Monday, April 25, at 6 pm. She is a St. Paul's Choir staff singer. Many will recall her rendition of "Habañera" from *Carmen* at the choir's *That's Amore* concert and her appearance with Mercury at the March 3 Lenten Recital.

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.

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



The Tallis Scholars will sing at St. Paul's on Friday, April 22, at 7:30 pm with music of *The Golden Age of Spanish Polyphony*. Through more than four decades of performance and award-winning recordings, 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.thetallisscholars.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