



PARISH NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO



OCTOBER 23: Get To Know the Curate!

Have you met our Curate, Dale Grandfield? Want to know more about him? In the Adult Forum on Sunday, October 23, we will learn where Dale grew up, a little about his family, what he did before seminary, and how he ended up feeling called to ordained ministry. Dale will tell us about

his interests and passions and where the spiritual journey has taken him. Please join us at 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room to learn all about Dale!

OCTOBER 30: Keeping Cool with Amy Speidel

Amy Speidel, Loving Guidance Counselor and Parent Coach, will offer an Adult Forum presentation entitled "Keeping Cool" on Sunday, October 30, at 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room. If you've ever wondered "what in the world was I thinking?" perhaps it's because we spend more time understanding our gadgets than we do understanding how and why our brains work the way they do. Learn about the three brain states – Executive, Emotional, and Survival – how they interact, and how to tip everyday situations into a more positive outcome. Yelling at your kids? Gritting your teeth around a coworker? Unable to talk with your relatives without a blood pressure spike? There's an answer for that! It's all in your brain. Time to get to know it better.



Workshop Adventures to Visit Islamic Center

The fourth to sixth grade Workshop Adventures class is preparing for a trip on Sunday morning, October 30, to the Islamic Center of Cleveland as part of their study of Abraham. Over the next month, these students will be exploring the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Ishmael; reflecting on the meaning of God's covenant; and learning about this common ancestor of the world's monotheistic religions. In preparation for their visit to the mosque they will also explore some of the basic tenets of Islam. The children are very excited about this opportunity to learn more about our Muslim neighbors and look forward to sharing their experiences with the parish when they return!

Don't Miss St. Paul's Progressive Dinner, Catered by EDWINS, October 28

The Rector and Parish Fellowship Committee invite you to join them at St. Paul's on Friday, October 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a new fellowship event. The St. Paul's Progressive Dinner will combine both large group fun with small group conversation, enabling members to catch up with old friends as well as get to know new ones.

Participants will gather in Tucker Hall for appetizers and drinks at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 we will divide into small groups and sit down for a dinner catered by EDWINS in various spaces throughout the church. After dinner, we will all gather again in Tucker for coffee and dessert.

Each small dinner group will be welcomed by Table Hosts who will have fun decorating and setting their table in their own personal style. Volunteers are also sought to bring an appetizer or dessert or to help with setting and cleaning up.

The cost for the evening is \$20 per person for all food and beverages (wine and beer as well as non-alcoholic options). Members can register online at <http://tinyurl.com/h2sojbm>, or sign-up on Sunday, October 23, in Tucker Hall. Credit cards are accepted. The RSVP deadline is Tuesday, October 25. When you RSVP, make sure to let us know about any dietary restrictions. Don't miss this special evening! Please contact Pam O'Halloran at (216) 403-1854 or pohalloran@stpauls-church.org if you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.
The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach
Celebrant & Preacher

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The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach, *Preacher*

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The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach, *Preacher*

READINGS

Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

FELLOWSHIP

8 to 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast
10 to 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Preschool Session, 9 to 11 a.m.

10 to 11 a.m.

PS-K: The Ark and a Tent for God
Grades 1-3: The Story of Ruth
Grades 4-6: Abraham & the
Roots of Islam
Grades 7-8: I Am Made in God's Image:
My Special Qualities
Grades 9-10: Trying On a New Name:
An Exercise in Recreating Ourselves
Grades 11-12: Teen Text: Bible Study
Preschool Session, 11 a.m. to noon
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups, 5 to 7 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Forum, 10:10 to 11 a.m.

Get to Know Our Curate, Dale Grandfield
(Dining Room)

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Flowers on this Sunday are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving for the work of the Altar Guild of St. Paul's and its efforts and dedication.

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Happy Birthday, St. Paul's!



On October 26, 1846, forty five founding members gathered for the first time with the encouragement of Bishop Charles Petit McIlvane to start St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland. That makes this October 26th St. Paul's 170th Anniversary. Happy Birthday, St. Paul's! Here's to many more years of vibrant ministry!

STEWARDSHIP

An Invitation to Joyful Giving

Extending a welcome and thank you and in turn being welcomed and thanked – this is a big part of what stewardship is – connection. A celebration of gratitude and generosity – a celebration of sharing in the common experience of our faith and our parish community.

Our Episcopal liturgy of sacraments and rites takes us on a life journey of connection and celebration. Baptism – water and oil followed by the celebration of welcoming into the church; the Eucharist – receiving the body and blood of Christ and the celebration in a shared meal; Confirmation – the laying on of hands and the celebration of the transition into adulthood; Marriage – vows sealed with a kiss and the celebration of a shared union; reconciliation, through confession – the granting of forgiveness and the celebration of grace; even at the end of life – the anointing of the dead and the celebration of life everlasting. Connection and celebrations. All of these we share in this place and in this community of St. Paul's.

Stewardship, like our sacramental rites, has two sides: the willingness to reach out and create relationships and the openness to and gratitude for deeper connection. The willingness to ask and the acknowledgement of being asked; the willingness to offer a gift and the acceptance of that gift; the willingness to offer expressions of gratitude and the acceptance of thanksgivings.

In the spirit of *Joyful Giving*, I ask that you join Sarah and me in making a generous pledge of thanksgiving to support and celebrate this church, its clergy and staff, the many programs and ministries, and all of the important and life changing connections that we have experienced, both as givers and receivers. These connections have been so important to us over the years and will continue to be in ways we don't yet know.

Thank you for all the many gifts you bring to St. Paul's!

Mike Knoblauch, Chair
Stewardship Committee

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CALENDAR

Adult Inquirer's Class

Have you come from a different denominational background and want to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Have you been thinking about being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church?

Join us on a journey of discovery together from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on three Sundays beginning October 23. Each week, we'll gather in the Brooks Room for lunch, presentation and discussion.

On October 23, the Rev. Jeanne Leinbach will lead a discussion of the History of the Episcopal Church, including our current polity. On October 30, the Rev. Richard Israel will cover Scripture and *The Book of Common Prayer*. On November 6, the Rev. Dale Grandfield will discuss Worship and Sacraments.

This program is offered in anticipation of Bishop Persell's visit on Sunday, November 20, when we will have a combined service of Confirmation and Reception at 10 a.m.

Please contact Rich Israel at (216) 932-5815 or risrael@stpauls-church.org to let us know you are planning to attend.

October with The Village

The Village will be hosting its annual Halloween Celebration with a potluck dinner on Sunday, October 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Tucker Hall. Join us for yummy food, delicious treats, and a spooky craft! Come dressed in your costumes and be ready to have some fun! RSVP to meganmcmamara73@gmail.com.

Herb Sale November 13 — Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to bake breads, or other baked goods that make use of herbs, for the Herb Harvest Sale in Tucker Hall Sunday, November 13. Bread pans and recipes will be available during the coffee hour hosted by Lay Weeders on Sunday October 23, or in the Church Office following that date.

Volunteers are also needed to help sell items during the sale on November 13 in two shifts:

1st shift - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

2nd shift - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer the day of the sale, please contact Arlene Mann at aemann@adelphia.net.

St. Paul's Band Plays October 30

The St. Paul's Band will play at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, October 30. Anyone who plays a band or orchestral instrument is invited to play along. Rehearsal will be at 8:30 a.m. that Sunday. Please contact Rick Nelson, richard.nelson@cim.edu, by October 23 to let him know that you intend to play so that he can prepare a part for you.

Fifth Sunday Breakfast

Women's Council invites you to the Parish Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 30. Women's Council will be hosting breakfast this week and providing a Halloween themed continental breakfast, which is a bit different from the usual fare. Oatmeal, quiche, fresh fruit, pastry and more will be served! Please come share in this festive fellowship opportunity so we can get to know you better and you can get to know the St. Paul's Women's Council! The Parish Breakfast is offered most Sunday mornings during the program year from 8 to 9 a.m. It is cooked and served by volunteer groups and individuals. A nominal fee applies.

GCC Get Out the Vote Canvassing Dates

Greater Cleveland Congregations is working every weekend until Election Day to canvass key precincts in the City of Cleveland and in the Noble neighborhood of Cleveland Heights. Canvassers are needed on the dates below. Please arrive 15 minutes early and plan to stay the entire time. Each canvass will begin with a substantial training!

Saturday, October 22

9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., lunch provided
St. John AME Church, 2261 E 40th St.

Sunday, October 23

1-6 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
2230 Euclid Ave

Saturday, October 29

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., lunch provided
Affinity Missionary Baptist Church,
4411 E 175th St.

EARLY VOTE ACTION

People to the polls!

Sunday, October 30, 1-6 p.m.

Loaves & Fishes Christmas

Dinner Sign Up

We plan to feed over 120 people at the Loaves & Fishes Christmas Dinner on December 14. Baked macaroni and cheese, turkey, rolls, cupcakes, collard greens and cornbread are on the menu. Our guests are served from 5 to 6 p.m. in a restaurant-type setting at Calvary Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of E. 79th and Euclid. As always, the students from Open Doors Academy will wrap our presents to be handed out after the dinner. There are many ways to serve – preparing food, dining set-up, serving the dinner and clean up. Please come by our table located in Tucker Hall on Sundays to learn more and to sign up. Questions? Please feel free to call Kirby Colwell at (216) 765-0279. Thank you for being a part of this traditional Apostleship project!

Youth Leaf Raking Outreach

On Sunday, October 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., St. Paul's Youth Groups will meet at the church to go out and rake leaves for parishioners who are not able to do it themselves. If you know of someone who would be blessed by our help, please contact John Moosbrugger, moosbruggerjohn@gmail.com with details and contact info.

The Feast of All Saints'

On Sunday, November 6, we will observe the Feast of All Saints', giving thanks to God for the faithful departed who rest now in God's eternal peace. In our worship at 7:45, 9, and 11:15 a.m., we will light candles in memory of the departed as we read the Necrology of those who have died in the past year. There will also be a festive Coffee Hour at 10:10 a.m. with special *saints-themed* activities for all ages.

At 5 p.m. we will continue our observance of All Saints' Sunday with a service of Choral Evensong led by St. Paul's Senior Choir. If you have a name of a loved one who died in the past year to add to the Necrology, please call the Parish Office at (216) 932-5815 by Tuesday, November 1, with that information.

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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

REFLECTION

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

What does this mean?

Answer: We should fear and love God, and so we should not tell lies about our neighbor, nor betray, slander, or defame him, but should apologize for him, speak well of him, and interpret charitably all that he does.

— Martin Luther's explanation of the 8th Commandment in *The Small Catechism*

Few of us would disagree with the assessment that this year's presidential campaign is one of the most acrimonious we have ever experienced. We are all accustomed to candidates promising sure-fire solutions to complicated problems based on assumptions on which reasonable people can disagree. We have even become resigned to political advertisements going negative. However, this campaign is especially troubling to me because of both candidates' willingness to slander and defame broad groups of people, cynically seeking our votes by sowing seeds of fear, suspicion, and mistrust of people with whom we disagree, and even, at times, questioning the integrity of our democratic process. Perhaps you have experienced, as I have, a sense of growing despair over whether we will be able to heal the divisions among us and come together as a nation to address the many problems we face after the election.

At the 2016 Fall House of Bishop's meeting in Detroit, MI, our church's bishops issued *A Word to the Church for the World*. The message *to* our church *for* the world pertains to the current "stark joylessness" surrounding us. We are reminded as Christians that we are called to respond by looking beyond the turmoil of our times just

as Christ did in his time of political strife and economic dislocation. (A video and text of the statement can be viewed at our diocesan website, www.dohio.org.)

In the bishops' statement, they call on the church to recommit itself to its faith in Jesus, who bids us "follow me" into the midst of our fractured neighborhoods, the nation and the world to address issues of poverty, gun violence, racial disparity in our criminal justice system, joblessness, and the widening gap between rich and poor in our economy.

At St. Paul's we have been given great opportunities to break down barriers of suspicion and fear by building up our "neighbors" near and far through our developing partnership with EDWINS, our research and advocacy through Greater Cleveland Congregations, and our global mission activities to name but a few. Our bishops remind us in the words from the Book of Esther that "the church has been 'called for a time such as this.'" I pray that we at St. Paul's, trusting in the hope of Christ's Resurrection, will follow Jesus in loving our neighbors and in so doing will discover the Holy Spirit working within us to accomplish God's purposes on earth.

— *The Rev. Richard Israel*,
Associate Rector

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Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

Parish Notes Deadline

The next issue of Parish Notes will be dated November 6 & 13. Deadline for submissions is **Monday, October 24, at noon**. Items may be edited for space and/or clarity.

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