

# PARISH NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO



GREATER CLEVELAND  
**CONGREGATIONS**

GCC IS RISING UP!



## Join Us on Youth Sunday, February 23

St. Paul's youth will lead all three morning services! They will lead every aspect of the service that is appropriate for them to perform – from preaching to ushering to music to leading the Adult Forum. On that day, the collection taken will be donated to the Pilgrimage Fund. Also, the youth will take orders for soda bread, which they will bake and deliver to your homes in time for St. Patrick's Day.

## Join Us for a Criminal Justice Action February 27

St. Paul's is a founding member of Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), a non-partisan coalition of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County, working together to build power for social justice. Since 2011, GCC has been a catalyst for positive change in the city of Cleveland and across Cuyahoga County, focusing on issues around health equity, education, criminal justice, gun violence and housing.

The past three years GCC has been pushing for the creation of one or more off-site pre-arrest mental health and addiction crisis centers in Cuyahoga County. GCC believes these centers can help keep people out of jail, potentially save lives, and save public funds. It is now time to bring together as many people as possible in one place, including public officials, to focus on the work accomplished and the work that still needs to be done on this issue. GCC calls this kind of gathering an **Action** — a gathering of people, and their collective power, across the lines of race, religion, neighborhoods and suburbs to make their self-interest on a specific issue known to public officials and others with the power to make sustainable change.

**Actions are exciting and inspiring – even fun – and we need you to join with your St. Paul's core team and attend!** The GCC Criminal Justice Action is Thursday, February 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This Action will take place at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, 44106. Meet your fellow parishioners there or carpool from the church at 6:15. **We have pledged to bring at least 40 parishioners from St. Paul's and we need your help to meet our quota!**

For more information about GCC, check out the new website, [greaterclevelandcongregations.org](http://greaterclevelandcongregations.org).

For more on this Action, contact parishioners Tom Nobbe, [thomasnobbe19@gmail.com](mailto:thomasnobbe19@gmail.com), or Ted Wilson, [trw3061@gmail.com](mailto:trw3061@gmail.com).



**FAMILY PROMISE MEAL PREP:** On a Sunday afternoon in January, members of the Senior Choir met to prepare a meal for the residents of Family Promise. Many thanks to Sean Herman, who set the menu and served as the lead chef, Karel Paukert, Susan Gray, Molly Urban, Sandy Simon, Nell Davidson, Lauren Vanden Broeck and Bob Seaman, for preparing this meal that was delivered to Family Promise to be shared by their residents.

In this photo, it appears that Karel has four arms, which you might believe, based on his incredible skills as an organist. But in this case, two of them belong to Molly Urban!

St. Paul's CAST presents:

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC**  
**March 6 & 7**

## Ponder Your Star Word!

On January 5 we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. This is the day when we commemorate the journey of the magi to find the baby Jesus. It was a joyful day here at St. Paul's: Jeanne preached a wonderful sermon (you should listen to it on the website if you missed it), and Joe Kaffen, Sam Mitchell, and Colin Blades-Thomas serenaded us with "We Three Kings" at both the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. During the formation hour, the All-Parish Events Team hosted an Epiphany Party.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Stars." We handed out 150 "star gifts" to attendees of the party. These were paper stars with 150 unique words written on them. Words like "laughter," "forgiveness," "empathy," and so on. Each word represents an intention for the recipient to pray about and ponder for the season after the Epiphany (until Lent, at the end of February). Why did we do this on Epiphany? Because the magi who traveled great distances to offer their gifts to the newborn Christ-child were responding to the gift first given to them. They received God's gift, then offered their gifts to God. As we commemorate the arrival of the wise men and remember their offerings, we ponder this paper reminder that symbolizes God's generosity in our lives.

My "star word" for Epiphany is "discernment." I grumbled a bit when I got it, I admit. I've always associated discernment with something difficult, something that often means changing major things about my life (like going to seminary, moving for a job, etc.). After a season of life change (moving here, having a baby, you know...), I find myself resistant to more upheaval. But the word has me pondering what God might be working on in me. There can be a misperception, which I admit I may have, that we should only "discern" God's will for us when we seek such change in our lives. But perhaps my "star word" is prompting me to listen for and seek to follow God's will in each and every day, not just at times of epic decision-making?

Do you have a "star word" to ponder this season? If not, feel free to reach out to me and I'll (randomly!) pick a word for you. Journeying together, we can all follow our stars, seeking always and forever to reach the Christ-child, who has promised to save us and love us forever.

*Jessie +*

The Rev. Jessie Dodson, Assistant Rector



Left to right: Colin, Sam, Joe, and Benjamin



ST. PAUL'S 2020 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

*Growing a Loving Community*

*Will you join us?*

## 2020 Annual Fund Update

Thank you to all those who responded to the 2020 annual campaign. As of January 15, we have received 357 pledges or gifts totaling \$1,498,400. Next month we will share the full 2020 stewardship report in Parish Notes and thank by name all those who have participated as of February 15. If you have not yet made your pledge to support St. Paul's in 2020 and would like to do so, please submit a pledge card found either online through the church website, [www.stpauls-church.org](http://www.stpauls-church.org), or in the church pews or information racks. Please help us meet our goal to maintain all programs at current levels!

Never pledged before? Not sure WHY people make a pledge to support St. Paul's financially rather than just putting gifts in the plate as it goes by? The act of pledging accomplishes two things. First, because 85% of St. Paul's annual income comes from its current members, annual budgeting can be difficult. Pledging enables us to create responsible budgets. The second benefit of pledging is far more personal. Pledging is about faith and about giving to God first rather than from what is left over. Pledges are not binding; we understand that unforeseen things happen and adjustments need to be made. Pledges are more like prayers of thanksgiving and an offering to God. We invite you to speak to a member of the clergy if you have questions. Thank you!

# SPEAKING OUR FAITH GROUPS

## A NEW LENTEN OFFERING

*“We have a story to tell, a story filled with hope and love and God’s grace and mercy. We’ve got a story of God in our lives, a story of ways that Jesus has already been working in our lives sometimes without our even knowing”*  
 — Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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### WHEN WILL THEY MEET?

You will choose from three meeting time options. Groups will meet five times between the weeks of March 1 and April 5 (through the season of Lent). If schedules necessitate, groups can continue meeting into the Easter season to complete the five sessions.

### WHERE WILL THEY MEET?

In the homes of St. Paul’s parishioners. One family will host a group for the entire season of Lent.

### WILL THERE BE FOOD?

Each group will have a host that serves coffee/tea and a sweet treat at the first meeting. After that, the group can sign up to bring treats as they desire. Dinner will not be a part of the gathering.

### WHO IS WELCOME TO JOIN A GROUP?

One Sunday afternoon group (University Heights meeting location) is open to students in 8th grade through adults. All other groups are open to adults only.

### WILL THERE BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMATION OFFERING AT CHURCH THIS LENT?

No, the Speaking Our Faith Groups take the place of that offering. There will still be a 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Eucharist in St. Martin’s Chapel and Labyrinth set up in Tucker Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### ARE SPEAKING OUR FAITH GROUPS THE SAME THING AS FOYER GROUPS?

No. Speaking Our Faith Groups are building off the energy from Foyer Groups. But Speaking Our Faith Groups are intended to be a time-limited commitment (the season of Lent), will not include dinner, and are focused more on building spiritual relationships with each other.

### HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

Email or call Laurie Scriven [lalib@att.net](mailto:lalib@att.net) or (440) 537-3023, sign up in Tucker Hall after services in late January and early February, or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/SpeakingOurFaith>.

### TIME OPTIONS:

**Sundays** | 4-6 p.m. | University Heights | Intergenerational

**Sundays** | 4-6 p.m. | Bratenahl | Adults Only

**Wednesdays** | 7-9 p.m. | Cleveland Heights | Adults Only

**Thursdays** | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Beachwood/Shaker Heights | Adults Only

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**IN THE ADULT FORUM**

The Adult Formation Committee invites everyone to attend the Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room on these Sundays in February:

**February 2: History is a Prologue to the Future: Telling the Story of Our Church** — Join St. Paul's Interim Assistant Rector and Diocesan Archivist, Brian Wilbert, for a fun, fact-filled, fast-paced journey into Archives, Archivists and Archiving. Telling the story of our faith must include remembering our past even as we are moving into the future to which God is already calling us!

**February 9: The Art of Biblical Storytelling**  
Jim Kulma, Supervisor of Pastoral Care at MetroHealth Medical Center, will present the practice of approaching Biblical narratives through the lens of oral tradition and storytelling. Jim holds an M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, and has worked as a healthcare chaplain for 33 years. He will describe the craft of the deep internalization of sacred story, the use of performance criticism, and applications for education, worship and prayer.

**February 16: Expansive Language with the Rev. Rosalind Hughes** — You may have noticed that the language we use in worship began to subtly change this past September. This comes from an Episcopal Church-wide initiative to introduce "Expansive Language." Curious to learn more about why we change the words and what difference it makes? Join the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, rector of Church of the Epiphany in Euclid, and Convener of the Diocese of Ohio Expansive Language Task Force, for a conversation on the topic. In the meantime, check out [dohio.org/our-diocese/expansive-liturgy-task-force](http://dohio.org/our-diocese/expansive-liturgy-task-force) for more information.

**February 23: Get to Know St. Paul's Youth!**  
In this youth-led forum, our teens will engage us in small group dialogue on the world issues they care most about.

**There's One Final St. Paul's 101 Session!**

In the final session of our series of interactive luncheons, we'll gather from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 2 to learn about Communication, Administration, and Finance at St. Paul's. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the operations of the church and discover ways to stay connected with St. Paul's digitally and beyond.



These lunches are specifically designed for those who are new to St. Paul's, and those who want to learn more about the ministries and operations of St. Paul's, but all are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Contact Jessie Dodson, [jdodson@stpauls-church.org](mailto:jdodson@stpauls-church.org), with questions.

**Spirituality on the Silver Screen**



St. Paul's winter movie series continues for three more weeks in February. All "reel spirituality" screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Free admission and free popcorn. Come enjoy a movie screening and discussion with friends on these Wednesdays:

**February 5: *One More Time with Feeling* (2016)** — A documentary film that tells the story of the delayed final production process for an album by Nick Cave's band The Bad Seeds. Nick's 15-year-old son Arthur died after an accidental cliff fall in Brighton, England in July 2015, when Cave was partway through recording sessions for *Skeleton Tree*, his sixteenth studio album. The film includes 35 minutes of recording performance, as well as interviews with Cave. *Hosted by Tom Brown.*

**February 12: *Ostrov (The Island)* (2006)** — A Russian film about a fictional 20th century Eastern Orthodox monk whose bizarre conduct confuses his fellow monks. Others who visit the island believe that the man has the power to heal, exorcise demons, and foretell the future. *Hosted by Kyra Nay.*

**February 19: *The Martian* (2015)** — A sci-fi film about astronaut Mark Watney, who is stranded on Mars. With only a meager amount of supplies, Mark must utilize his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on the hostile planet, while members of NASA and a team of international scientists on Earth work tirelessly to bring him home. *Hosted by Chris Chance.*

*These groups meet on a regular basis from September through May.*

**GROUPS & C**

<p><b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. Coventry Dining Room <a href="mailto:cschance25@gmail.com">cschance25@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Contemplative Prayer</b> Fridays, 9:30 a.m. Chapel of the Cross <a href="mailto:chuck.herbruck@gmail.com">chuck.herbruck@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Eliza Backus Guild</b> Second Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Brooks Room <a href="mailto:nanhsher@yahoo.com">nanhsher@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Knitting Circle</b> First Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Third Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Coventry Parlor <a href="mailto:terrilemp@gmail.com">terrilemp@gmail.com</a></p>
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## Come to Our Open House

Want to learn more about St Paul's Children's Ministry program? We want to tell you! All parents (and everyone!) are invited to the classroom for a Church School Open House on Sunday, February 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. Join the children in their circle to listen to a story and meet with the Children's Ministry Team for a presentation about our dynamic program. For questions email Lauren Dockery, [ldockery@stpauls-church.org](mailto:ldockery@stpauls-church.org). We hope to see you there!

## TOTALCHAOS Goes Snow Tubing

It's all downhill from here! All 4th and 5th graders are invited to bundle up and join us on Saturday, February 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. for some fun on the slopes at Polar Blast in Boston Mills. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. to carpool. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to Lauren Dockery, [ldockery@stpauls-church.org](mailto:ldockery@stpauls-church.org).

## Architectural Tour

Do you know where the three Diocesan seals are in St. Paul's? How about the movie projection booth? Where can you find the image of a Nazi soldier? And just what did Dr. Albert Schweitzer have to say about our organ? Find out the answers to these questions and more by taking an architectural tour of St. Paul's.

Dave Loomis will lead an hour-long tour, beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, in the Narthex. Come learn more about the art and architecture of St. Paul's.

## Young Adults Take a Tour

On Sunday, February 9, at 2 p.m., St. Paul's Young Adult Group will meet at the Cleveland Museum of Art for a docent-led tour of art with a social justice message. Anyone who wants to join us for lunch can meet up at the museum's café at 1 p.m. Admission to the museum and this tour is free, however, we do need a head count! RSVP to Pegah Zardoost at [pegah.zardoost@gmail.com](mailto:pegah.zardoost@gmail.com) by January 26.

## Eat Cookies & Learn About the Ministry of St. Luke's

St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the near west side of Cleveland has an *incredible* ministry! Please join us as we welcome St. Luke's Senior Warden, Lonny Gatlin, and Deacon, the Rev. Barbara Maxwell, on Tuesday, February 11, in the Brooks Room. We'll have coffee and cookies at 7 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:15. This parish has a truly remarkable and exciting story. You don't want to miss it!

## EDWINS

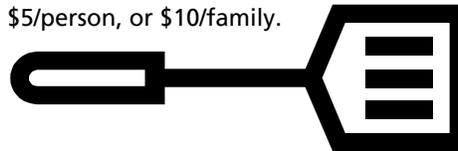
### An Important EDWINS Graduation!

You are invited to attend. **Who?** Anyone interested in celebrating the formal graduation of participants in the EDWINS Institute Culinary Arts program, one of St. Paul's Outreach Ministries partnerships. This is one of two semi-annual graduations for EDWINS trainees.

**When?** Sunday, February 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. **Where?** Dolan Center at John Carroll University. Please contact David O'Halloran, [jdavid.ohalloran@gmail.com](mailto:jdavid.ohalloran@gmail.com), for more information.

### Shrove Sunday Moves to Tuesday! (*Where it belongs...?*)

Shrove Tuesday is a traditional day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Please join us on Tuesday, February 25, for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The Vestry will be flipping and serving pancakes from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come when you can. We'll have mask decorating and other activities for the children, and Mardi Gras beads for all! Suggested donation of \$5/person, or \$10/family.



## Ash Wednesday Services, February 26

Join us for the service that best fits your schedule.

### Traditional Services

7:30 a.m. in St. Martin's Chapel  
10:30 a.m. at Judson Park (see below)  
12 noon in the Nave  
7:30 p.m. in the Nave

### Ash Wednesday Service for Children & Families

5:30 p.m. in Tucker Hall  
Imposition of ashes at all services.  
All are welcome!

## Ash Wednesday at Judson Park

On Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 10:30 a.m. Judson residents and St. Paul's clergy will gather for the Ash Wednesday liturgy and Eucharist in the Auditorium at Judson Park.

## World Mission Sunday Set for March 1

Join us in welcoming Josephine Hicks from Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) on Sunday, March 1, as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Josephine is Vice President for Episcopal Programs at ERD. She will preach at all three services and lead the Adult Forum. Josephine will share with us progress made in addressing ERD's current priorities of Women, Children and Climate. Also on this day, members of the Global Mission Action Group will join the processions at 9 and 11:15 a.m., carrying flags of the nations in which we have mission partners around the world. Historic needlepoint kneelers with colorful world flag motifs will adorn the rail around the altar. Our hymns and Prayers of the People will reflect our worldwide support for mission partners.

## COMMITTEES

*New members are always welcome!*

### Men's Council

Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Evans Room

[pvictor417@aol.com](mailto:pvictor417@aol.com)

### Men's Spirituality

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.

Tommy's on Coventry

[bbechtel@stpauls-church.org](mailto:bbechtel@stpauls-church.org)

### Women's Council

Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Coventry Dining Room

[planetquill@roadrunner.com](mailto:planetquill@roadrunner.com)

### Women's Spirituality

First & Third Saturday

9 to 10:30 a.m.

Sanders Room

[jallisonmorris@gmail.com](mailto:jallisonmorris@gmail.com)

**Choristers to Attend Choral Festival**

Praise through choral music has always been a hallmark of the Episcopal church; not just through collective worship, but through individual introspection when learning and reflecting on God’s love through music. On February 14-16, sixteen of St. Paul’s choristers will travel to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. to participate in the Sacred Choral Music Festival. There they will spend two days preparing an evening prayer service, Sunday morning Eucharist and a Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir and many additional choirs from around the country.

To take direction from the Cathedral’s music staff will be an incredibly formative experience for the choristers, and to sing and worship with the other choirs will, hopefully, give our girls the sense of lasting community that is so powerful within the Episcopal church. The choristers are preparing a significant amount of new repertoire for this trip, some of which we are excited to share at St. Paul’s before we leave and upon our return.

*Kelsey Ferguson, Co-Interim Director  
Children’s & Youth Choirs*

**TrebleFest 2020**

The annual TrebleFest continues to provide an opportunity for treble choirs in the Diocese of Ohio and beyond to work with an internationally-acclaimed conductor in rehearsals leading to a service of Choral Evensong. Funded through the generosity of the Petrey Family Foundation, TrebleFest has brought many acclaimed conductors and organists to Cleveland, such as Sarah MacDonald, Loraine Enlow, Kevin Kwan, and Stephen Cleobury.

TrebleFest 2020 will be held on Saturday, February 29, at Trinity Cathedral. Todd Wilson, Director of Music at Trinity Cathedral, will lead the choristers. Our own treble choristers from St. Paul’s will participate once again this year. Music at the 3 p.m. Evensong will feature the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in E-Flat Major by Edward Bairstow and music by Peter Hurford and John Ireland. The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. will officiate. Please come and support the efforts of these young singers in the diocese!

**TrebleFest Organ Recital**

Todd Wilson will play an organ recital at St. Paul’s on Friday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. In addition to serving as Director of Music at Trinity Cathedral, Mr. Wilson is head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music and performs extensively around the country. His diverse program at St. Paul’s will include works by J.S. Bach, Charles Marie Widor, Jonathan Dove, and Gerre Hancock. All are welcome at this free event.

**READING CAMP**

**Start Forming Teams for Spelling Bee!**

Attention orthographers, linguists, wordsmiths, avid readers and all who want to enjoy a fun evening supporting St. Paul’s Reading Camps for summer 2020! Look to your fellow ministry members, friends or pewmates, and form teams of three or four people for this fundraising event Friday evening, March 13. Our Annual Spelling Bee begins with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by spelling fun. We ask teams to donate \$50 to participate which includes dinner! The clergy /staff “Significant Others” have won the Bee the past two years—who can beat them? For more details or to register your team contact Julie Micheletti, [michelettijulie@gmail.com](mailto:michelettijulie@gmail.com), or Betsy Hockey, [ehockeypt@aol.com](mailto:ehockeypt@aol.com).



*The Epiphany Party on January 5 featured Epiphany Cake served by Leah and star-shaped cheese!*

*The (1st) Annual Chili Cook-Off was a great success! Left to right: Pat Azouri won the Peoples Choice Award; Brian Bechtel won the Veggie Green Spoon Award; and John White won the Spiciest - Fire Extinguisher Award.*



*Photos: Brian Wilbert and Jim Ptacek*

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

### Communications @St. Paul's



by Kim Fry, Director of Communications

"In the beginning was the communication<sup>1</sup> and communication was with God and Communication was God. Communication was with God in the beginning. Through communication all things were made; without communication nothing was made that has been made. In Communication was life, and that life was the light of human beings." (*John 1:1-5*)

Communication theory scholars would likely agree with the concept of the above interpretation of this Gospel verse. Communication is part of everything we do! It is a ministry of the church and all are called to be communicators of the Good News.

I am honored to serve St. Paul's as Director of Communications. During my tenure, the tools I use to communicate the life and work of the parish have multiplied; we not only continue to communicate via printed media, but we communicate digitally in numerous ways, including through social media, e-newsletter and website.

The monthly printed *Parish Notes* is mailed to everyone on our mailing list. It includes all of the services and events happening at St. Paul's that month, along with a clergy reflection, new member profile, Vestry reports and other features. All-parish happenings are also posted on the home page of St. Paul's website and on the digital screen in the Foyer at church.

A weekly e-newsletter is sent — usually on Thursdays — to all for whom we have an email address, plus community members who have subscribed. Special editions of the e-newsletter are sent, as needed, for important messages from the Rector and funerals held at St. Paul's.

Sunday Notes is the bulletin announcement insert, which, like the e-newsletter, includes upcoming events and sometimes new information that didn't make it into *Parish Notes*.

St. Paul's has a presence on several social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and Nextdoor. We have a Flickr account that serves as a public gallery of photos showing parish life at St. Paul's. I have staff and volunteer support in posting to social media and taking photos of worship and events.

WEB: [www.stpauls-church.org](http://www.stpauls-church.org)



Facebook: [stpaulsclevelandheights](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsclevelandheights)



Instagram: [@stpaulscle](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulscle)



Twitter: [@stpaulscle](https://twitter.com/stpaulscle)



youtube.com/[stpaulsch](https://www.youtube.com/stpaulsch)

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As you might imagine, all of the above, plus more, keeps me pretty busy through the week! So, how can you contribute to the Communications Ministry at St. Paul's? Here are three easy ways:

- Engage on social media! If you are on Facebook, make sure that you have LIKED and FOLLOWED St. Paul's Facebook page. Then share posts and events that you see from St. Paul's. Comment on posts; say something about your experience of the service or event. Have a dialogue with others, tag someone you know who might be interested in the post or event.
- If you haven't already, join your Nextdoor neighborhood online and copy some of the language in the e-news or *Parish Notes* to create a post on Nextdoor. Use discretion and only share once in a while to avoid annoying your neighbors (!), but choose fun fellowship events that people who are visiting St. Paul's for the first time will feel comfortable attending.
- Finally, the best and most successful communication tool: personal invitation! Tell your friends about your church. You don't have to invite them to a church service! But, if you've had an especially great time at a fellowship event or you're just proud of something your church is doing in the community, TALK ABOUT IT! Invite your friends to the next Chili Cook-Off, movie night or Adult Forum. Invite them in to see St. Paul's for themselves.

Later this year, we will be establishing Task Groups to help us implement recommendations made by the Long Range Financial Planning Team in the areas of Engagement and Communications. Are you called to serve in this way? I'd love to know your interests and skills in these areas. Email me at [kfry@stpauls-church.org](mailto:kfry@stpauls-church.org).

<sup>1</sup>The word 'Logos' is translated as communication. Communication is more than a 'word' (either written or spoken). — quoted from a report by the Communications Working Group of the Anglican Consultative Council, 2015.



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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

### NEWCOMER PROFILE

#### Meet Kristen Pungitore

Kristen Pungitore isn't exactly new to St. Paul's. When she was a member of St. Alban's, St. Paul's was often the meeting place for the churches' combined functions. Plus, she has now been attending St. Paul's long enough to be very actively involved - she's on the All-Parish Formation Events Committee and the Adult Forum Committee; she is in a Foyer Group and previously did a year of Education for Ministry (EfM). The preaching and music at St. Paul's are especially appealing to her.

Kristen grew up as a "cradle Episcopalian" in Pittsburgh with her brother and sister, and when she was six years old, she asked for her own copy of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Kristen has always loved the liturgy and worship in the church and she was grateful for the church's and her parents' support when she went through periods of questioning and doubt.

Westminster College in Pennsylvania is where Kristen earned a BA with a double major in Business Communication and Religion. Nine years ago, she made what she thought was a temporary move to Cleveland to attain an MA in Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University. Obviously, she never left the area and currently loves teaching Scripture and Social Justice at St. Joseph Academy, a private girls' Catholic high school in Rocky River. Kristen

also leads the school's service program, so she has traveled with "her girls" on service immersion trips to Cleveland's inner city, the Appalachian Region of West Virginia and the US/Mexico border. Kristen really enjoys "leaning into hard topics" with her students as a result of these trips.

In her rare spare time, Kristen likes hiking, traveling, backpacking, reading and regularly hosting her women friends for dinner, prayer and fellowship. Currently, she's looking forward to a trip to Italy after the Rev. Jessie Dodson marries her and her landscape architect fiancé, Matt, at Bellwether in May. What great destinations for a wedding and honeymoon! "Welcome" and, soon, "Congratulations" are in order for Kristen and Matt.

*Interview conducted by Katie Fedor  
for the Newcomer Council*



### WHO WE ARE

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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 March 2020.

Deadline for submissions is **Saturday, February 15**. Items may be edited for space and/or clarity.

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