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Pastor's Message

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. — Psalm 51:10-12

Halfway through the month of February we will begin the season of Lent. 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, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents 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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 this year. We will have Ash Wednesday services and you can find our more about them in the newsletter and on our website. Our stewardship campaign, *Grow & Renew*, will run alongside Lent as a time of reflection, re-commitment, and renewal. We will practice those spiritual disciplines of prayer, sacrifice, generosity, and service; all helping us grow in our discipleship.

I'm looking forward to our celebrating this season together.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor

Ash Wednesday, Lenten Practices



Ash Wednesday FEBRUARY 17

Worship Online	Noon and 7 pm
Worship Outdoors	Noon, 6 and 7:30 pm
Sanctuary will be open for a brief time of prayer	12:30 - 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season of reflection and repentance. On this day we also mark the sign of the cross on ourselves to be grounded in our mortality as we seek a more faithful life, that we are from dust, and to dust we will return.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, we will gather to worship, pray, remember our mortality, and commit ourselves to the start of Lent. We will worship together both on-line and outdoors.

Worship online will broadcast at Noon and 7pm. To worship with us on-line, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/stream.

Worship outdoors will be at Noon, 6pm, and 7:30pm. You can find relevant information and registration for these services at www.stpaulshouston.org/lent as it becomes available.

Ashes

Ashes with anointing oil will be provided separately for each individual to use for the imposition of the ashes during the outdoor service. For use during the on-line broadcast stream or, if worshipping outdoors and prefer to

impose ashes at home, you may pick up ashes and Lent kits near the reception area of the Sanctuary building February 14-17 between 9am and 2pm.

For worship outdoors, ashes and Lent kits will be provided when you check-in for worship. If one or more outdoor worship service is canceled due to weather, you may pick up ashes and Lent kits for the on-line broadcast stream instead.

Mirror Lenten Practices

In keeping with the traditional liturgical themes of reflection, re-commitment, and renewal, St. Paul's is conducting the annual stewardship campaign — *Grow & Renew*— during Lent. The practices of this season mirror the goals of *Grow & Renew*,

which are a re-dedication to our membership vows with a focus on committing to an active prayer life,

practicing generosity, and growing discipleship.

More information is being sent by mail. If you do not receive it by mid-February or want to know more, contact Mary Linda Portner via mlportner@stpaulshouston.org.



Putting Your House in Order

Give the loving gift of preparedness to those you love

A workshop on life decisions

- Do I have a plan for my loved ones?
- How do I share my passion for this church with my children?
- What is my authentic legacy of faith?
- How do I help continue the mission of this church?

Sunday, February 21, 2021
5 pm via Zoom | \$10/person
45-page workbook included

“Putting Your House in Order” is a workshop designed to help you make life decisions — and understand them — such as How do I make a plan for my loved ones? What is my authentic legacy of faith?

This \$10 workshop includes a 45-page workbook, covers the basics of estate planning, and provides simple inheritance planning tools.

Presented by Leah Taylor, Senior Area Representative, Texas Methodist Foundation, and provided by St. Paul’s Methodist Foundation of Houston.

Sunday, February 21, at 5 pm via Zoom. Register through www.stpaulshouston.org/events/putting-your-house-in-order. Questions? email mlportner@stpaulshouston.org

Ecclesiastes Study

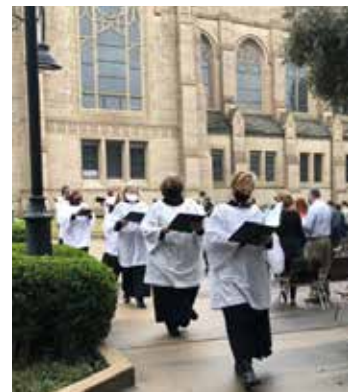
The Pastors Bible Study is an opportunity for the congregation to join the St. Paul’s pastors as we all critically study different books of the Bible from different perspectives.

Each week, two pastors lead the webinar, concluding with a Q&A session. Last fall we studied Revelation, and this spring we are studying Ecclesiastes.

Details, registration, and resources: www.stpaulshouston.org/study.

The previous week’s lessons also will be posted to this page as the study unfolds, and all of the sessions from last fall’s Revelation study are on that page.

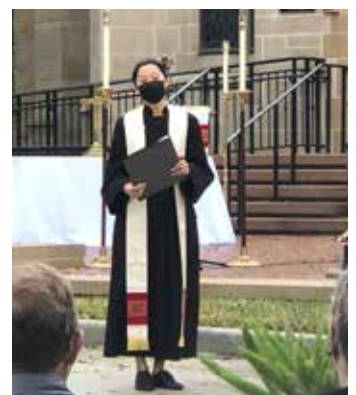
Questions? faithformation@stpaulshouston.org



Sunday morning in-person worship service began outdoors on January 24. These services in the Plaza area are from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. To ensure physical distancing, limited spots are available, and reservations must be made — each week. Register by 8 pm the night before via www.stpaulsworship.eventbrite.com. Registrants will be notified by 8 am Sunday if the service will be canceled due to weather. If weather conditions are questionable, notifications will be sent to verify if the service will be held.

Any questions not addressed on the registration page can be sent to worship@stpaulshouston.org. If you or someone you know needs to call to register for worship instead of using the online form, call the reception desk at 713-528-0527 between 9 am and 2 pm, Monday-Thursday.

Pictures above and at right, clockwise, from left: (1) In background, registrants check in for service; in foreground, Rod Kottenbrink gathers health questionnaires. (2) The Benwells are prepared for any kind of weather. (3) Brett Chiquet watches his daughter draw in the worship bulletin. Children’s bulletins will be provided for future services. (4) The choir processes. In less soggy conditions, the choir will be in the grassy area next to the church.



(5) Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan welcomes attendees to this public witness of our worship together.

St. Paul's Family

New Members.

Welcome these new members who have recently joined St. Paul's Family: Courtney and Andrew Cook with children Waylon and Cassidy; Michelle Ludwig and John Goodrich with children Charlotte and Sylvie; Sarah and Christopher McKinney with daughter Charlotte; Veronica Pedraza and Trevor Quick, and Carla and Bill Reed

Baptisms.

Courtney and Andrew Cook presented their children, Waylon Howell Cook, born July 1, 2019, and Cassidy Lou Cook, born August 3, 2020, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on January 10, 2021. The congregation will have the opportunity to welcome them into the Community of Faith during the online worship service of January 17, 2021.

Who to Contact

To reach any staff, call 712-528-0527 or email info@stpaulshouston.org, and your message will be forwarded.

To inquire about joining St. Paul's or update membership records, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a funeral or notify the church of births, deaths, hospitalizations, or other concerns, also contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.

To schedule a baptism or order altar flowers, contact Dawn Uebelhart via dawn@stpaulshouston.org.



Courtney and Andrew Cook, Waylon and Cassidy



Michelle Ludwig and John Goodrich, Charlotte and Sylvie



Veronica Pedraza and Trevor Quick

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Laura and Jesse Flores on the death of Laura's brother, Juan Carrizales, who died January 4, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Kimberly (Kim) and Robert Blain on the death of Robert's mother, Mary Blain, who died January 11, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to David Wylie on the death of his mother, Peggy Wylie, who died January 13, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Revs. Cassandra (Cassy) and Cesar Nuñez on the death of Cassy's father, Alfredo Arroyo, who died January 15, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Alice and Urvine Atkinson on the death of Urvine's sister, Patsy Welsh, who died January 18, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Joe Rosenbaum, who died January 19, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Marisa Cisneros and Robert Mata on the death of her grandfather, Juan Cisneros, who died January 20, 2021, in California.

Deepest sympathy to Stephanie Paget on the death of her mother, Saundra Hujo, who died January 24, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Rosemary Batson on the death of her father, James Hall, who recently died in Chattanooga.

As people gradually return to St. Paul's they will be welcomed by a freshly patched and repaired parking lot. Work was begun in mid-January and was estimated to take two weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

St. Paul's Blankets Assist COVID-impacted People

Soon after announcing the availability of St. Paul's navy blue blankets with a Velcro attachment, handle, and side pocket, the first order almost sold out — and the vendor is out of stock. Another batch of blankets with similar features — and more — has been sourced. These new navy-and-green plaid blankets have a water-resistant layer of PVC backing but cost \$5 more.



The original navy blankets sell for \$20, and the navy-and-green plaid blankets with water-resistant layer sell for \$25. To purchase either blanket, please contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org

Proceeds from the sale of either style blanket will assist the St. Paul's Fe y Esperanza community with rent, utilities, and groceries. This community has been hit especially hard over the last nine months with COVID-related job losses and health issues.





The Disaster Recovery Team goes back into service on Saturday, February 6.

To be part of this 10-person team, sign up via the Sign-Up Genius Link at www.stpaulshouston.org/events/disaster-recovery-team. If all the slots are taken, please email kat@stpaulshouston.org, and an additional team may be formed.

The day before the event, those who sign up will receive an email with the work location, and participants will meet there. The work will be outdoors and will likely include house siding and other home repairs. Plan to work from 8 am until 2 or 3 pm. Bring your own PPE, including masks and gloves, as well as a sack lunch and water.

No experience needed; we will show you what to do.

For more information or questions, contact team leader Steve Benwell: (713) 301-7494. To be added to a notification list for these projects, email kat@stpaulshouston.org.



Left: Fertilizer has been added to the Community Mission Garden beds, located on the Prospect Street side of the Jones Building, and they are ready for planting on Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5. Contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org for more details and to get on the schedule to help plant. Right: Helen shows the garden storage box the team built in January. Produce from the garden will be sold on the Plaza with proceeds going to community garden members in need.

COVID-19 continues to take a giant bite from employment and the ability to purchase food and housing. To donate to the COVID-19 assistance fund, please

- go to www.stpaulshouston.org/give
- click on the blue "Give Online" button
- select "Give one time" or "Set up Recurring"
- set up frequency of gift, if recurring
- select "Other/Events" from the drop-down "Fund" menu
- write "COVID assistance fund" or "Meals for health-care workers" on the memo line
- press the blue "Next" button and enter the amount

Green Team

How can St. Paul's be better stewards of our Earth? Start by attending the Green Team meeting via Zoom on Thursday, February 18, from 10:30 to 11:15 am. To connect, email hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Tutors Needed

Can you tutor or mentor a MacGregor Elementary student via Zoom? From encouragement to homework help, volunteers are connecting with students virtually to continue our mission of supporting children in our community. For more information, contact Bob Mahlstedt via Rmahlst488@aol.com

The Primetimers' February 11 meeting present Ann Becker, president of the Harris County Historical Society. She will talk about what Houston was like from 1860 to 1900.


The owner of Becker's Books that specializes in used and rare books, she has been president of the Harris County Historical Society since 2019. The author of numerous articles and almost 10 books, among her books are Houston 1860-1900, published in 2010 by Arcadia Publishing. She also founded the Houston history research group, Buffalo Bayou Lyceum, in 2000, and has served as a member of the Harris County Historical Commission.

The group will meet via Zoom at 11 am, Thursday, February 11. To connect, email primetimers@stpaulshouston.org by noon the day prior.

Free COVID-19 anti-body tests and free t-shirts are provided with each blood donation. All persons, including blood donors, are required to complete a health screening questionnaire upon entering the premises, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

BLOOD DRIVE @ ST. PAUL'S

**Friday
February 12
9 am-1:30 pm**



**Activity Center (Gym)
2nd floor,
Sanctuary Building**

**SCHEDULE ONLINE THROUGH
GULF COAST BLOOD CENTER**

**WWW.COMMITFORLIFE.ORG/
DONOR/SCHEDULES/NAME**

Healing Circles Continue on Zoom and In-Person

The idea behind Healing Circles is that humans heal in community. The earliest humans gathered around a campfire and shared stories. Healing Circles brings this healing community back into our lives with a format that allows us to explore our healing and experience our wholeness.

At St. Paul's Helen Spaw conducts healing circles on a variety of topics, some are ongoing with entry at any time, some are short-term with a self-contained group.

The single moms circle is ongoing with entry at any time. It meets via Zoom at 8:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Another ongoing is for the healing of racism, which is conducted in conjunction with the Center for the Healing of Racism. Occasionally, due to demand, an additional Healing of Racism circle is added.

Healing circles for grief and loss are short-term, usually for six weeks, and closed once they begin.

To connect with any of these circles, email hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Veterans Healing Circle

In addition, St. Paul's hosts a weekly gathering of veterans that also follows the healing circle model. This group meets on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30 pm in the Fannin Street Courtyard. Chairs are socially distanced and boxed lunches available for those who participate in the circle. Participants must complete a health



Healing of Racism Circle
Healing Art Circle in conjunction with the Center for the Healing of Racism

2nd Thursdays from 10-11:30 am via Zoom

Email Helen via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org



ST. PAUL'S SINGLE MOMS CIRCLE

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8:30 pm via Zoom

For more information, contact Helen at hspaw@stpaulshouston.org



VETERANS Healing Circle

WEDNESDAYS, 12-1:30 PM
FANNIN STREET COURTYARD (OUTSIDE OF YOUTH CENTER)

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:
Participants must maintain social distance, wear masks, sanitize hands, and cooperate health screens.
If you are sick, please stay home until cleared by a doctor.
Masks are mandatory and subject to confiscation or charge due to misuse.
Individual boxed lunches provided. Reservations are required for food by Monday prior. RSVP to stpaulshouston.org

screening questionnaire upon arrival, maintain distance meeting, and wear a mask when not eating. Masks are provided to those without.

Prior to each veterans gathering, those planning to attend are requested to be in touch with Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org to let her know the number of lunches she should order and to be notified of last-minute cancellations, normally for weather.

Heart Health Support Group on Zoom

Houston Methodist Hospital conducts a Heart Health Support every Wednesday at 6 pm via Zoom. To connect or to receive meeting and topic notifications, email facilitator Wayne Brewer via wbrewer878@aol.com

Previous topics and speakers have included:

“Heart Failure Resources in the Community” by a care manager at the Houston Methodist Coordinated Care Center.

“How patients can best engage our healthcare providers to help them help us” by advance nurse practitioners from the Houston Methodist DeBakey Cardiology Clinic

“Heart failure, exercise, and cardiac rehab” by an exercise physiologist.

Bridges Out of Poverty

Main Street Ministries is hosting a series of interactive workshops based on the book *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*.

These workshops will explore how all community members can join together to reduce and prevent poverty. Participants will analyze poverty research, theories of change, hidden class rules, resource, family structure, and language.

Bridges works off the beliefs that people in poverty are problem solvers with valuable assets and that relationships are key to building and transferring resources.

These sessions will be on Wednesdays from February 3 to March 10, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom. To connect, contact Kathie Hartzog via khartzog@msmhoustan.org.

Applying *Bridges Out of Poverty* concepts can help individuals, organizations, and communities become more skilled in working with individuals in poverty, creating mutually respectful and supporting relationships.

Susie Vanlandingham Interim Children's Music Admin

by Christopher Betts, St. Paul's Music Director

After 15 wonderful years as Director of Children's Music at St. Paul's, as announced in the November 13, 2020, *Weekly Pastoral Message*, Anna Teagarden will be leaving us at the end of February to take up an exciting new position at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

We are delighted that Susie Vanlandingham will be taking over leadership of children's music while we search for a new director to fill Anna's position.

Susie has been very generously helping with children's music at St. Paul's for many years, particularly during the pandemic, when she has been leading Zoom choir rehearsals, giving voice lessons and RSCM Voice for Life online instruction, and assisting with outdoor Treble Choir rehearsals.

An excellent singer and a valued member of St. Paul's Choir, she recently graduated with a Master of Sacred Music from the University of St. Thomas.



Susie assume leadership of children's music programming in March.

She will be assisted by the other members of our Music staff, sharing leadership of the St. Paul's Treble Choir with Organ Scholar Joel Trekell, who is himself earning a

Master's degree in Sacred Music from University of Houston.

Susie and Josh Vanlandingham and their children —Maddy, Emily, and Sarah — are active members of St. Paul's and the music program. We are extremely grateful to them for their continuing involvement and support of everything we do and to Susie for moving

into this important position in the Music Department.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is creating a search committee with a view to hiring a longer-term Director of Children's Music later this year.

St. Paul's Moms

All moms are invited to virtually attend St. Paul's Moms via Zoom on the second and fourth Mondays at 8 pm.

Discussion topic: "How our relationship with Scripture informs our love of God and our daily lives."

Text: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans.

To connect, email kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Children's Bulletins

The children's worship activity bulletins will be available at the in-person outdoor services. they also are available via the Children's Ministry e-letter, the *Chimes* weekly e-letter and www.stpaulshouston.org/upcoming-services

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Stay in touch via the St. Paul's Kids Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KidsOfSPUMC) and the Children's Ministry e-letter. To ensure receiving the e-letter and other connections, email kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Children's Sunday School: Age 3 through 5th grade meet on Zoom 9:45-10:45 AM for Joyful Noise and GROW assemblies followed by age-level groups. Children's Ministry e-letter has Zoom links.

Children's Choirs: To register your child for choir: www.stpaulshouston.org/childrenschoirs. The day-by-day children's schedule follows:

Children's Choirs:

- **Wesley Singers** (Grades 1-2). Sundays at 2 pm, resuming January 10.
- **Choristers** (Grades 3-8). Sundays at 2:45 pm, resuming January 10.
- **Treble Choir.** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Sanctuary or via Zoom.
- **One-on-One Voice for Life lessons.** Contact ateagarden@stpaulshouston.org

YOUTH SCHEDULE

The current Youth schedule follows. Questions? tiffin@stpaulshouston.org or oksana@stpaulshouston.org.

Sundays:

- Sunday School. 10 am via Zoom.
- Confirmation. 4 pm via Zoom and on the Labyrinth. Snacks follow until 5:30.
- UMY. 6 pm on the Labyrinth. Snacks precede at 5:30.

Tuesdays: Girls Bible Study. 6:30 pm on the Labyrinth, Bring blanket or chair.

Wednesdays: H.O.T. (Hang Out Time). 7 pm via Zoom.

A Confirmation class has begun in combined modes of Zoom and in-person, socially distanced on the Labyrinth. Plans are for the class to be confirmed during the Easter Vigil, reviving an early Christian practice. To inquire about Confirmation, email tiffin@stpaulshouston.org





CORNERSTONE society

OF ST. PAUL'S FOUNDATION

The Cornerstone Society is happy to welcome the following members:

Roxane and Arnie Baldwin
Leah Barton and David Kim and

Jesse

Sylvette and Andrew Bob
Karen Margrave Bornhofen

Charles Foster

David Leeds

Alan Mattingly and Lara Simpson
and Ian

Heather and Chris Powers, and

Connor, Liam, and Brianne

Ashlee Ross

Martin Stupel and Catherine Lappe,
and Grace Catherine

Karen and Michael Sullivan

Larry Walters

The Cornerstone Society is an annual giving society of the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation. Its members contribute to the support of the St. Paul's campus and to social justice causes chosen by the membership.

Membership is open to all members, guests and friends of St. Paul's. For more information, please visit www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation or contact Mary Linda Portner via mlportner@stpaulshouston.org.

Scholarship

Applications Due

Applications for the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation 2021-22 Scholarships are due February 13.

All documentation may be completed on-line. For details, see www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-scholarships.

Questions? email foundation@stpaulshouston.org

Donations to the Foundation

The following donations were made to St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston during the fourth quarter of 2020:

General Fund

By

Charles Burns
Renee and John Hawkins
Harmon Langford
Cindy and John Munday
Curt Peterson
Keith Reeves
William Worthington

In honor of John Feather by

The Roundtable Class

In honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Cindy and John Munday by

The Roundtable Class

In memory of Mildred Langford by

Harmon Langford

In memory of Lowen Lois Williams Merriman by

The Men's Bible School

In memory of Carl Riley by

Beverly and Kimball McMahan

In memory of Racy Sanford by

Beverly and Kimball McMahan

In memory of Patricia Wynn Voss by

The Men's Bible School

James E. and Rosann F. Hooks Fund

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Rosann Hooks

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In memory of Sari Frey by

Sylvette and Andrew Bobb

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Sarah and Mike Ragsdale

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Sylvette and Andrew Bobb

Bankston Good Samaritan Scholarship

In honor of Sandy and Jim Bankston by

Sylvette and Andrew Bobb

Swickeimer-Mays Scholarship

By

Tom Mays

Kerley Lectureship

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The Pearson Lectureship

In honor of Pat Pearson by

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By

Dottie Burge and Vic Driscoll

In Honor of the People of the Central District of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia by

Ginny and Bob Stevenson

Carol Driscoll Memorial Fund

In Memory of Carole Driscoll by

Dottie Burge and Vic Driscoll

In Honor of Anna Teagarden by

Vic Driscoll and Dottie Burge

Ellen Edwards Mission

for Children Fund

By

Renee and John Hawkins

In appreciation of the Children's Ministries and Staff by

Ellen Edwards

Houston Poverty Outreach Fund

In honor of the Revolving Study Class by

Mary Linda Portner and Paul Fisher

Cornerstone Society

In memory of John and Mary Lou

Margrave by

Karen Margrave Bornhofen

To receive the *Chimes* weekly e-letter and Friday Pastor's Message, email dadair@stpaulshouston.org

Looking Ahead

Lent: Devotions and Prayer at Home

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, St. Paul's will begin our annual practice of a daily Lenten devotion. Each day's devotion will be a brief video reflection on scripture and our Lenten themes. The Thursday videos will be musical meditations provided by the music department.

Sign up to receive these reflections in your inbox each morning by going to www.stpaulshouston.org/lent. These videos also will be posted on our on-line pages (YouTube, Facebook, the website). The Morning Prayer and Midweek Message videos will not be posted during Lent.

To have a paper copy of the Lenten devotions mailed to you, call the reception desk (713-528-0527) Monday-Thursday between 9am and

2pm or Fridays between 9am and noon or email faithformation@stpaulshouston.org. Please provide your current mailing address.

These paper copies will be the printed words of the devotion videos, not a book format as our devotion books have been in other years.

Books of Lenten devotions are suggested on the Lenten webpage, www.stpaulshouston.org/lent. Examples: *Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals* by Luke Powery and *Word in the Wilderness: A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter* by Malcolm Guite.

At the start of Lent, Lent kits for children as well as adults will be provided along with individual containers of ashes. These will include liturgy, prayer, and resources for spiri-

tual practices. They may be picked up near the reception area of the Sanctuary building February 14-17 from 9am to 2pm, while supplies last. Remaining Lent kits will continue to be available in the same area throughout Lent and may be picked up Monday-Thursday from 9am to 2pm, or Fridays from 9am to 12noon.

As we move through Lent, we will prepare for Holy Week when we will continue to have worship and prayer on-line every day of that week. Outdoor services will be held on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

More information on our Lent devotions, resources for all ages, Lenten studies, and Holy Week may be found at www.stpaulshouston.org/lent.

Race • Justice • Us and St. Paul's Telemedicine Project with UH and EAC

Last summer, in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, the St. Paul's Community conducted a 40-day season of prayer and listening to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and open to one another as we sought to be

aware of our bias and to work against racism.

Among the opportunities that evolved from that prayer and discernment was a Missions Cohort for Racial Justice. Led by Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan, the cohort will examine — and

act upon — ways St. Paul's can make a difference for racial justice.

The Cohort began 2021 by hosting a Zoom session about Race and Healthcare on January 31. Other topics to be addressed at quarterly intervals this year are Immigration, Criminal Justice, and Housing.

The Race and Healthcare session examined disparities of access to healthcare and what St. Paul's is doing to provide healthcare access through our new telemedicine clinic in Abraham Station in conjunction with the UH College of Nursing and the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC). Panelists were

- Dr. Jodi Berger Cardoso, Associate Professor of Social Work, UH Graduate College of Social Work
- Dr. Quenette Walton, Assistant Professor of Social Work, UH Graduate College of Social Work

- Dr. Kathleen Reeve, Associate Dean, MSN Director, Clinical Professor, and Director of the Nurse Managed Telemedicine Clinic at Abraham Station, UH College of Nursing

The clinic is planned to address chronic health issues and provide preventive services, such as immunizations, vision screening, and screening for referral to mental health services.

The initial goal is to open the clinic one day a week this spring, adding days each following semester. As days are added, the goal is to also add more health services through interprofessional education with UH's schools of medicine, optometry, social work, and pharmacy.

Roles will be available to St. Paul's members as well. The clinic will need compassionate and caring volunteers to serve as receptionists and to offer clients prayer and spiritual care while they wait to be seen. Assistance in seeking grants and grant

writing is also sought.

If you interested in any way, even if just to learn more about it, contact Rev. Andrew Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

To become more involved with the Missions Cohort for Racial Justice, contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org.

