



Pastor's Message

People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

— Luke 13:29

Have you been in worship on Sunday mornings when we are saying the words of the Apostle's Creed and wonder why we believe in the catholic church?

When we say "we believe in the holy catholic church," we say we believe in the universal church. "Catholic," far from meaning one particular branch of the church, means the entire tree of the church.

The Roman Catholic Church is the part of the universal church headquartered in Rome. Protestants could say they are Lutheran Catholics, Baptist Catholics,



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Presbyterian Catholics, or United Methodist Catholics.

To talk about the church being catholic reminds us that our siblings in the faith are scattered across the whole earth, using different languages, liturgies, and customs; but we all give our allegiance to Jesus Christ. We are all working for the same cause — sharing the same good news, loving God and loving our neighbors.

See you in Church!

Peace,
Jeff

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Small Groups Launch February 27

Small Groups now will launch on February 27 — unless COVID resurges. Groups of 6-10 people will be brought together through shared life experience and stage of life to develop significant relationships and spiritual accountability. Let us know if you would like to be part of a small group by pressing the button at www.stpaulshouston.org/small-groups or calling 713-528-0527.

Small groups are not new or novel; they lie at the heart of our identity as Wesleyan Christians and followers of Jesus. These are groups where God's love and grace are embodied and communicated. Regardless of where you find yourself today, a small group is where we can belong to one another in faith.



Youth to Lead Worship on February 20

After breaking due to COVID concerns, the long-held St. Paul's tradition of the Youth leading worship will return on Sunday, February 20. Mark your calendars to save this special day in the life of our church, especially for our Youth.



That's Amore. Sunday, February 20, at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary. St. Paul's Choir will present a "Thank You/Fundraising" concert of songs based on the theme of "love." This hour of music for the weekend after Valentine's Day will include Elizabethan Madrigals; opera arias by Mozart and Bizet; arts songs by Vaughan Williams and Gounod; Broadway songs from *Guys and Dolls*, *South Pacific*, and *The Music Man*; piano duets; jazz violin; Morten Lauridsen's beautiful *Dirait-on*; and *That's Amore* in a new arrangement by St. Paul's Choir member, Scott Rogers. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

Funds raised will support the choir's residency in England this summer. This concert will be livestreamed. To watch, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/stream. To donate online to this fundraiser, please to www.stpaulshouston.org/give, then click the blue "Give Online" button, select "Give one time," select "Other/Events" from the drop-down menu, and in the memo line type "That's Amore."

UH Recognized for Telehealth Clinic at St. Paul's

In recognition of the telehealth clinic at St. Paul's, the University of Houston College of Nursing (UH CON) earned the *INSIGHT Into Diversity* Health Professional Higher Education excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award. In 2021 this award recognized 51 institutions that celebrate and encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion across their campus. UH CON also earned this award each year from 2016 to 2019.

It was a long road from the signing of a memorandum of Understanding in 2018 to the opening of the grant-funded clinic in September 2021 with only one morning a week, but signs indicate a bright future.

Currently staffed by UH CON faculty and alumni, the college will be recruiting graduate students enrolled in the family nurse practitioner and nursing administration tracks to work in the clinic this summer.

Statistics abound regarding the growth of the homeless population

and how un-housed persons are more likely to experience health conditions that require regular medical treatment such as diabetes, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS. This clinic addresses those needs while also training future professionals to continue doing so.



As founding dean Dr.

Kathryn Tart stated: through this direct interaction with patients the students will see first hand how social determinants of health, such as a lack of transportation, affects vulnerable communities.

"It is really humbling," said Rev. Andrew Wolfe, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, who was instrumental in developing this clinic at St. Paul's, "to open clinic doors and have people come in who you know are trying to get by day to day.

"The clinic has shown me there's a need for health care for those who are low-income and uninsured — and not just any health care, but quality care with a holistic approach."

Missions Highlights this February

Below are some highlights of missions activities being conducted this February. To learn more about any of them, contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org.

Hospitality for Afghan Refugees.

Following up on the January 23 presentation by Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IMGH), volunteers are needed to show love and hospitality to the Afghan refugees now in and coming to Houston. IMGH has been helping refugees settle in Houston for more than 30 years.

February 5. The Disaster Recovery Team's monthly workday will be from 9 am to 3 pm at a site to be determined. Sign up via www.stpaulshouston.org/events/recovery-team

February 15. SEARCH Coming Home community mentoring suppers begin for fourth session of this program. Tuesdays at 5 pm in Fondren Hall until June 28.

St. Paul's Family

Birth.

Congratulations to Donna and Art Adair on the birth of their grandson, Nyle Merwan Bhatti, on January 27, 2022, in El Paso. Parents are Meredith and Merwan Bhatti.

Flowers.

The flowers at the altar on January 9, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for St. Paul's music ministries.

The flowers at the altar on January 16, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Goggolz by Lynn Gissel and family.

The flowers at the altar on January 23, 2022, were

placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Tom Caskey by his family.

The flowers at the altar

on January 30, 2022, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Wayne Tansey by his wife, Barbara,

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 these 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

and their children, Mark and Evelyn, Susan, and Alan and Jennifer.

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Peggy Caskey and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. C. Thomas (Tom) Caskey, who died on January 13, 2022.

Deepest sympathy to Patty and Bob Mahlstedt and their family on the death of Bob's mother, Virginia Mahlstedt, who died on January 15, 2022, in Troy, NY, at age 104.

Deepest sympathy to Mauricio Mendez on the death of his mother, Aurelia Romero Ángel, who died on January 16, 2022, in La Luz de Juarez, Mexico.

Marisa Cisneros New Facilities Manager

Effective February 1, Marisa Cisneros was named to the additional position of Facilities Manager



Marisa Cisneros

Long-time facilities manager Joe Gradney remains on staff on a part-time advisory capacity.

Cisneros continues to be responsible for scheduling, depositing accounts receivable, ordering supplies, leading the weekly maintenance meetings, and doing “whatever needs to be done to make sure everything happens as it should.”

She joined St. Paul’s staff in November 2006 as ministry assistant to children and youth. In the summer of 2015 she transitioned to scheduling and other roles within the administrative wing of the church.

While still with the Youth department, she participated in mission trips to Bolivia, including one with her now-16-year-old daughter Lilly, who has since been confirmed at St. Paul’s. Cisneros also has a 9-year-old son, Adan. Lilly is in the North Shore High School band and is an officer in FFA through which she also raises animals. Adan plays Little League baseball, pitcher and third base.

Cisneros can be contacted via marisa@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.



Joe Gradney

Work of God Celebrated in Partnership with Bolivian Siblings

Although COVID has prevented St. Paul’s from conducting mission trips to our sibling churches in Bolivia — Emmanuel and Luz de Vida, both in Cochabamba — the connection has remained unbroken.

At Christmas, this connection expanded beyond Cochabamba into all 16 churches in the Central District, some in the mountains and jungles, where poverty is widespread.

Rev. Nataly Negrete, Associate Pastor for Fe y Esperanza at St. Paul’s who also is from Cochabamba, coordinated these efforts with her Bolivian colleagues to supply and distribute a total of 698 Christmas baskets to children in the district.

The contents down to the container were supplied with specific considerations. In addition to treats such as chocolate and gifts, meat was included. “Meat,” she explained, “is a rare treat and hard to get.” Fortunately protein-rich quinoa is a staple crop in the area.



Fava beans and potatoes are the other main foods. Plantain, yucca root, and rice are staples in the tropical parts of Bolivia.

The plastic container, Negrete explained, will be used for carrying water, which is also scarce, among many, many other ways.

“This won’t change their lives,” she said, “but it did bring some relief and hope. It will be remembered that the

light of love showed in the darkness.”

Beyond these Christmas gifts, St. Paul’s has sent other relief to the children and elderly of Emmanuel and Luz de Vida during the COVID pandemic. “Children often live with thier grandparents,” she explained.” So relief by way of food and groceries helped both generations. Preventive health care is provided year around through doctors, nurses, and nurse assistants.

Thanks to all who have provided assistance in any way to our siblings in ministry in Bolivia.

Epworth League: A Community for Young Adults

The Epworth League for Young Adults launched not long before COVID entered the city. While the group has meet primarily online throughout the pandemic, Epworth recently has started their new season by meeting at St. Paul’s on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm for League Nights — a time centered around worship, connection, and learning with one another.

This season focuses on stories of re-connection from scripture. Each meeting starts with a welcome describing how Epworth is a community waiting for you with the hope that the group will be a part of your life and not just your Tuesdays. Fun activities are scheduled for the upcoming month include visiting the Houston Farmers Market and a book club.

For those who wish to meet virtually, an online Anchor Group (similar to a Sunday School) meets on Sundays.

To connect with Epworth League, come as you are to any of the gatherings, or sign up for the weekly emails at www.famhouston.tx.org/epworthleaguehtx.



To receive the *Chimes* weekly e-letter, please e-mail dadair@stpaulshouston.org

Looking into Lent

February 25 is Transfiguration Sunday and the last Sunday in the Season of Epiphany; the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. Since the first of the COVID quarantines in the midst of Lent 2020, St. Paul's has responded with worship services and other celebrations outdoors and virtually through streaming of the Zoom platform. Below is a preview of the 2022 Lenten services and other activities, most of which are currently planned for indoors.

Ash Wednesday Breakfast

The Wednesday morning Men's Lectionary Bible Study plans to host their Ash Wednesday Breakfast, March 2, at 7 am. Open to all, it currently is planned for both in-person service in Fondren Hall and virtual participation via Zoom.

The speaker is yet to be named. Watch for updates via the worship bulletin, *Chimes* weekly e-letter, and website (www.stpaulshouston.org).

Ashes, Services

The Sanctuary will be open for the imposition of ashes all day Ash Wednesday, March 2, starting after the Men's Breakfast, around 8:30 am.

Services will be held in the Sanctuary at noon and 7 pm. Both will include the imposition of ashes, but neither will include Holy Communion.

COVID protocols in place at that time will be followed.

New Stations of the Cross

The artist for St. Paul's new installation of Stations of the Cross will speak about his work on Palm Sunday, April 10, at 9:45 am in Fondren Hall. All are invited.

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 at 7:30 pm. Online streaming will be available via www.stpaulshouston.org/stream.

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.

Lenten Spiritual Practices: *Cultivating & Letting Go*

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

Following this year's Lenten theme — *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.

A suggested donation is requested to cover the cost of take-home materials.

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 also will be available for pick up at the Plaza entrance starting in mid-February.

St. Paul's School New Year

Registration for 2022-23 at St. Paul's School for ages 12 months to kindergarten begins Tuesday, February 1, for members of St. Paul's and the community.

For more about admissions, including virtual tours, please see www.stpaulspre.school.org/apply.

A link to the application will be posted on that webpage the morning of February 1 at 9am.



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

The registration link will be available on the Kidventure website at 9 am Thursday, February 4.

Fine Arts Academy Update

Due to the Omicron surge, the return of St. Paul's Exemplary-rated Musikgarten program has been postponed to March 4.

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

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 will 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.

YOUTH FEBRUARY BASIC SCHEDULE

(all in Youth Center)

Sundays

- *Sunday School for 6th-12th grades.* 9:45 am.
- *7th-12th-grade UMY and 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

On Saturday, February 12, the confirmation class will visit a Hindu Temple as they learn about other religions in relation to their own.

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

February 11. Valentine's Day

March 4. Spring Fling • **April 22.** Earth Day

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 in the Sanctuary.

Questions? Joel Trekell via jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org.

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• Lenten Devotional book-
• lets illustrated by St. Paul's
• Children will be available by
• the end of February.
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Children's Sundays

- 8 am-12:15 am. Nursery Care.
- 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.

St. Paul's Primetimers to Have Full Month in February

St. Paul's Primetimers are starting their 35th year with a doubleheader — a program on February 10 about Hermann Park and a day trip on February 17 to the Holocaust Museum Houston, both neighbors of St. Paul's. RSVP deadline for both is February 8.

February 10:

Hermann Park Update

Not all that many years ago certain parts of nearby Hermann Park were mud pits. Working through a master plan adopted in 1995, the coordinated efforts of the Hermann Park Conservancy and the City of Houston, augmented by thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars, have transformed Hermann Park into an award-winning, nationally recognized destination.



Doreen Stoller

The updates are continuing through a new master plan, much of which will be the topic for the February 10 Primetimers gathering in the Activity Center.

Learn from Hermann Park

Conservancy President Doreen Stoller what's new, what's planned, and how the public can provide input into those plans.

The gathering in the Activity Center is open to all. To dine together after the program, RSVP by Tuesday, February 8, to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527.



What's your favorite part of Hermann Park — playground, train, reflecton pond, lake, Japanese Garden, or elsewhere? How has it changed over the years?

Peek into the conservancy's website, www.hermannpark.org, and be prepared with questions — and ideas.

February 17: *Tour Holocaust Museum*

To tour the *Bearing Witness Gallery* of the the Holocaust Museum with St. Paul's Primetimers, meet at the museum at 11 am.

The Tour

This gallery includes testimony of Holocaust Survivors who later settled in the Houston area, featuring artifacts donated by Survivors, their descendants, liberators, and other collectors. The exhibit also tells about resistance efforts, including the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, prisoner revolts, sabotage, the partisan movement, displaced persons camps, and life after the Holocaust.

By February 8, pre-pay, then RSVP

The admission fee must be received by the church by February 8. It is \$15/seniors (age 65 and up), AARP members, and active military and \$19/other adults.

Online. To pay online, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/give, then click the blue "Give Online" button, select "Give one time," select "Other/Events" from the drop-down menu, and in the memo line type "Primetimers Holocaust Museum."

Check. If paying by check, write "Primetimers Holocaust Museum" on the memo line and ensure that the check arrives at the church by February 8.

RSVP. After you have paid, also **RSVP by Tuesday, February 8.** To do so, email primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527, stating that you have paid for the tour and if you plan to lunch with the group at Fadi's or Barnaby's. (See below.)

Getting to the Museum, Lunch

At 5401 Caroline, the Holocaust Museum is two blocks from St. Paul's small parking lot. Plan your 11 am arrival to the museum based on walking from the church or parking in the museum's lot. Or carpool from the church to the museum. Museum parking up to four hours is \$8/nonmembers, \$5/members.

Lunch will be self-paid at Barnaby's Cafe or Fadi's Mediterranean Eatery, both on the first floor of 1801 Binz. Free parking is available in the on-site parking garage with ticket validation from Fadi's or Barnaby's.

Next Month's Primetimers Program

March 10: *Our Neighborhood Bats* by Diana Foss, Coordinator, Houston Area Bat Team, and Urban Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Diversity Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. NOTE: To accommodate those wishing to attend Lenten Recital (See page 4.) on this date, the timing of this gathering will be adjusted.

Fourth Quarter 2021 Donations to St. Paul's Foundation

Thanks to these individuals and organizations who memorialized and honored loved ones, as well as those who supported the work of the foundation, through their donations to the funds of the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston, as indicated below.

To learn more about the Foundation and the work conducted through each of its funds, please see www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation or contact Executive Director Mary Linda Portner via mlportner@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

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St. Paul's Scholarship Fund

In honor of the Revolving Study Class
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Thomas Mays III

Scholarship Application Deadline this Month

February 15 is the deadline for completed applications for 2022-23 scholarships administered by St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston. The applications are available at www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-scholarships.

The Foundation currently administers 17 endowed scholarship funds that benefit high school seniors matriculating to institutions of higher education as well as college undergraduate students and seminarians.

Grant awards are based on the applicant's relationship to St. Paul's UMC, academics, extra-curricular activities, recommendations, and a personal essay.

Donations to any fund are always welcome.

Cornerstone Society News

The Cornerstone Society is happy to recognize those members who joined at the close of 2021 and announce that membership now numbers 214. These new members are

Vicki Agee, Cindy Bell, Kunal Mishra, Drake Terrell, and Joan Terrell.

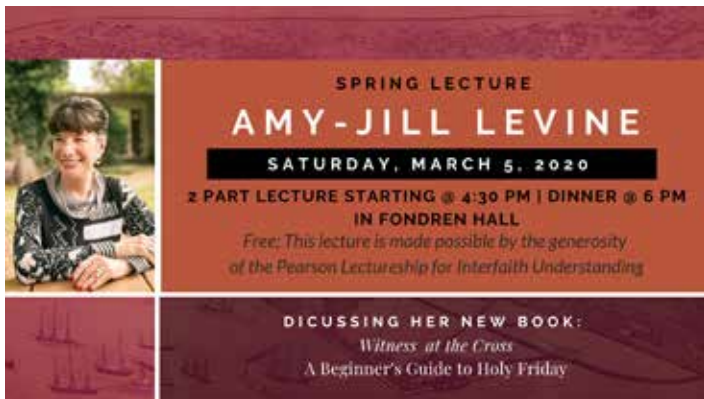
The Cornerstone Society is an annual giving program that supports the primary purpose of the St. Paul's Foundation — providing for the care of the buildings and facilities of the church campus — while also offering members the opportunity to aid social service agencies.

Membership is open to individuals, couples, and families. We welcome new members at any time.

For more information, please contact Mary Linda Portner at mlportner@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527 or visit www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation.



Looking Ahead



Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will present a two-part lecture on Saturday, March 5, based on her new book, *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*.

Familiar to those who have participated in a Disciple Bible Study, Levine is the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and the Mary Jane Werthan Professor of 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 Methodist Foundation of Houston.

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

For the REVIVE renovations, St. Paul's will be among honorees at Preservation Houston's Cornerstone Dinner. Friday, March 4, at the River Oaks Country Club. For tickets, please go to preservationhouston.org/cornerstone

New "Green" Events in Early March

St. Paul's is celebrating the transition to multistream recycling, with a Recycling Kick-off on Sunday, March 6. Starting March 1, the church will be recycling plastics and aluminum in addition to the previous paper and cardboard.

This multistream 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 reusable cups, mugs, and tableware at the church as well as at home.

New Community Garden Season

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

Contact

To provide support in any aspect of these Creation Care initiatives, please contact hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Holy Week

Below is a calendar listing of Holy Week services and related activities. As the time draws nearer, more information about each of them will be provided.

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, the artist for St. Paul's new *Stations of the Cross* will speak in Fondren Hall.

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 norm to accommodate parking turnover.



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.thetallis.com.

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