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Pastor's Message

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."

— Luke 2:10-11

What is the worst thing about January 1?

Not that it marks the "official" end of the holiday season. Not that it



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald,
Senior Pastor

means school starts soon. Not even that it signals that we all just got a year older.

The worst thing about January 1 is that we are immediately inundated with two of the most depressing messages imaginable.

First, we are barraged and berated online, on tv, in the paper, with the fact that it is time to lose weight.

Second, we begin to get reminded that it's time to do our taxes.

As if January weren't dark enough on its own.

Is it that our consumer culture doesn't have anything else to sell in these maxed-out credit card winter days except sleek new diet plans and snazzy new tax prep programs?

Be like Mary and take some time to ponder Christmas in your heart.

Think on how you will grow closer to God in the coming year.

Contemplate how you can be a better disciple in the days to come.

My prayer for you is that even after the last of the Christmas decorations are put away, the last morsel of Christmas goodies is eaten, that you

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Matt Russell Appointed to Chapelwood

Rev. Dr. Matthew (Matt) Russell, Senior Associate Pastor, has been appointed one of the Executive Pastors at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, effective February 1.

He will preach all three services on Sunday, January 5, after which a farewell reception for him will be in Fondren Hall. To donate to a Love Offering, note "Matt Russell" on the memo line of your check or online donation (www.stpaulshouston.org/give).

"Matt has done great ministry here with our community for several years: building relationships in the 9:45 worship service, launching the Project Curate and Iconoclast programs, and enriching our community through



REVIVE

January 26 Celebration

On Sunday, January 26 we will celebrate a re-consecration of the sanctuary building following the work of the Revive Project.

A short service will be in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm followed by self-guided tours of the building.

Building committee members will be available throughout the building to answer questions about the work that has been accomplished.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the amazing work that has been accomplished on our historic sanctuary building.

See page 4 for a summary of the project scope.

teaching, preaching, and prayer," said Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor.

For complete remarks by Jeff and Matt, please see www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2020/1/5/farewell-to-rev-dr-matthew-russell



Campuswide Open House January 12

Join the celebration as we launch a new year of life together in our renovated space.

Whether you are looking for a class to grow with or want to be in fellowship with other adult Sunday School classes, come explore this at-your-own-pace open house throughout the campus — complete with trivia, activities, and prizes.

You'll meet and learn about all the different communities and classes of all ages. See list below of adult classroom locations. Children and Youth classes will meet as usual.

Post-Revive Adult Sunday School Class Locations

Thanks to all the classes that were relocated related to the Revive project. By January all should be in these locations, some moving back, some remaining:

Candlelighters	S-109
Epworth Anchor Group	J-202
Journeys	Fellers Room (S-312)
Living Faith	J-220
Living Room	S-102
Ordinary Life	Fondren Hall
POV Forum	J-204
Roundtable	S-301
Seasonal Bible Study	J-211
Special Studies	J-203

Welcome these New Members to St. Paul's Family

Welcome these people who joined St. Paul's Family on Joining Sunday, December 15, 2019: Lauren Ajack and Taylor Richardson; Bill Butler; Maggie Gordon; Pier Laird; Yuly and Keith Reeves; Mary Ann and Joel Shields; and Tiffany and Heath Whitaker with Ella Grace and Olivia Jane. The Shields are parents of long-time member Bevin Barrett.



Lauren Ajack & Taylor Richardson



Bill Butler



Maggie Gordon



Pier Laird



Yuly and Keith Reeves



Mary Ann & Joel Shields



Whitaker Family

St. Paul's Family Milestones

Birth. Congratulations to Amy and Gregg Taylor on the birth of their grandson, Shepherd Louis Taylor, born December 24, 2019.

Deaths. Deepest sympathy to Teresa and Bill Maines and their adult children, Cara Maines and William Maines, on the death of Teresa's father, Alfred Lazzeri, who died on November 26, 2019, at Holly Hall Retirement Community.

Deepest sympathy to Martha and Brendan Gau and their family on the death of Brendan's father, George Gau, who died December 23, 2019.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Louis Fantini, who died December 23, 2019.

Deepest sympathy to Pat Carroll on the death of her husband, Conrad Carroll, who died December 26, 2019.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Tina Lahane, who died December 31, 2019.

Train to Work with our Children

Learn more about opportunities to work with St. Paul's children. Attend the Children's volunteer training lunch on Sunday, January 12, at 12:15 pm in J-202.

A security check and Safe Sanctuary training will be required.

Questions or RSVP: Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org.

Kids Night Out • Friday, January 10

Theme: *Let it Snow*

RSVP: childcare@stpaulshouston.org.

St. Paul's Moms Resume January 8

St. Paul's Moms, a group for women of all ages and stages, resumes semi-monthly meetings on Wednesday, January 8, at 9:30 am in the Youth Center. The pattern is second and fourth Wednesdays, ending this spring on May 13

Through spring, the group will study *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile.

Questions? stpaulsmomshouston@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Exploring
ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
9:45 AM OR 11:05 AM | PARLOR

Learn about the St. Paul's community and how to connect with each other and God.

Portner to Lead Foundation, Stewardship

Mary Linda Portner has been named Director of Stewardship for St. Paul's UMC and Executive Director of the Foundation. She most recently served as the Development Director for the Texas Annual Conference.



A St. Paul's member with her husband, Paul Fisher, since 2002, she chaired the Foundation's Development Committee while serving as a board member from 2007 to 2013. She also has taught Disciple Bible Study here.

She officially will begin her new roles at St. Paul's on February 1.

Special thanks to Brad Harmes, who offered to serve as the volunteer Executive Director of the Foundation for three months and served for 16.

Be Faithful Together

Be Faithful Together in supporting the work and ministries of St. Paul's in 2020. If you have not yet returned pledge card for 2020, please do so now. Several options:

- Place it any Sunday collection plate
- Mail it to the church (5501 Main 77004)
- Bring it to the church office, now relocated to the Sanctuary basement
- Use this link on the church website: www.stpaulshouston.org/stewardship

Please remember to include your name and contact information on our pledge card so you may be contacted in case of questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Pearce via veronica@stpaulshouston.org.

Pastor's Message

Continued from page 1 will remember the words of the angel in the gospel of Luke: ... "I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people."

As 2020 begins, remember the good news. Happy New Year!

Jeff
Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior
Pastor

New Year, New Studies

Three churchwide studies are to start in January. They are

- **Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.** January 12-May 31 at 9:45 am in J-211. Based on a book by Adam Hamilton, this study invites us into an open and honest conversation about the Bible. The class will gather on January 12 for the All Campus Open House and will begin the study on January 19.

- **Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis.** Tuesdays, January 7-February 25, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Fellers Room (S-312).

- **A Disciple Fast Track** study also will be offered, but the start date and location are to be set.

For more information about any of these studies or to register, please contact Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan via krichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org.

Sacred Space

The last Christmas Sacred Space will be January 5, for Epiphany Sunday. Stop by the Jones Building Lobby to have a moment of prayer and add a star to the Bethlehem scene.

January Healing Circles

- **Women's Healing Art Circles.** Sunday, January 5, at 11 am and Thursday, January 23, from 10 to 11:30 am.

- **Healing of Racism Healing Art Circle.** Wednesday, January 16, at 10 am off site. This circle is open to the first 20 people. RSVP to hspaw@stpaulshouston.org

- **Claiming Peace Healing Circle.** Sunday, January 19, at 11:05 am.

For more information about Healing Circles or Healing Art Circles, contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

What the Health!?

To receive this periodic e-letter of ponderings about health, faith, and congregational care, contact Rev. Andrew Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

Heart Support Group

Houston Methodist Hospital conducts a Heart Health Support Group at St. Paul's on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 pm in J-204.

Previous topics have included:

"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
"Healthy food choices during the holiday season" by a clinical dietitian.

To be added to the email list for meeting and topic notifications, email the group's facilitator, Wayne Brewer via wbrewer878@aol.com.



Health Team

Spring Kick-Off

Sunday, January 26, at 4 pm.

To find out more about this vital group and how you can be a part of it, contact Rev. Andrew Wolfe,

Associate Pastor
for Congregational Care via
awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

Revive Update: *Replaced • Repaired • Renovated*

In the spring of 2018, St. Paul's members were asked to support the largest capital campaign in the church's history to conduct several major, many long-overdue, projects.

Although several "punch list" items remain, the scope of Revive projects includes:

Entrances. The Plaza entrance was made ADA-compliant, and the gathering area between the Sanctuary and Plaza was expanded.

Flood Prevention. The drainage on the Plaza side was improved by sloping the ground away from the building, removing retaining walls, and installing 1,953 cu. ft. of underground flood-water storage. (This is in addition to the 612 cu. ft. of water storage under the Bankston Green).

Early in 2020, sump pumps will be installed in the window wells and connected to the emergency generator.

Basement. Columns were re-located to make the space more usable. The children's music department was

enlarged. Offices and other classrooms also were re-configured, including storage. To ensure the integrity of the "new space," the perimeter of the basement affected by years of water damage was repaired.

Lift. A new lift near the Plaza Entrance to the basement has been installed.

Stones/Mortar. Over the entire building, the stones were cleaned and re-pointed to prevent water infiltration and damage. On recommendations from the Texas Historical Commission and the project's waterproofing consultant, WJE, this work was not sealed.

Windows. Every casement window was removed, restored, and replaced. Most were rusted, leaky, and difficult to open or soon would be.

To protect the stained-glass windows, new glass covers were installed. The Lexan covers installed during the Centennial capital project had reached their lifespan; the glass covers have a longer lifespan.

Other Leaks and Water Damage.

The four flat roofs were replaced, and a leak over the organ chamber was repaired.

Long-term water damage due to both external (rain) and internal (HVAC) elements has been completed throughout the building. The ceilings and walls of S-300 and S-301 had had the most noticeable damage.

Restrooms. All restrooms on all floors are now ADA-compliant and most have diaper-changing stations.

Lighting. The lights in the Sanctuary and throughout the building were replaced by energy-efficient LED lamps.

Mechanical. The 60-year-old HVAC system has been completely replaced. The chillers, transformer, and electrical switchgear were relocated to reduce flood risk. Some of the ductwork was replaced, and new chilled water piping was installed throughout the building. New air handlers were installed, and to accommodate them, part of the small kitchen near the Fellers Room (S-312) was converted to a mechanical room, per code requirements.

Fire Prevention/Containment. A fire sprinkler system was installed in the basement.

Stairwells. One floor at a time, stairwells affected during construction were refurbished with the end pieces on each step eaiser to see.

Landscaping. The live oak tree at the Plaza entrance was protected during construction. Grass and landscaping damaged during the construction process has been replaced.

Budget. Of the total project cost of \$12,819,224, between the \$8,481,913 pledged and anticipated historical tax credits of \$2,500,000, the amount remaining to finance is \$1,837,311.

To pledge or donate toward the remainder, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/revive or contact Veronica Pearce at vpearce@stpaulshouston.org.

Sanctuary Building Directory

(Sunday School classrooms on page 1)

Basement		Activity Center	S-213
Bride's Room	S-101	Parlor	S-214
Marisa Cisneros - <i>Scheduling</i>	S-103	3rd Floor	
Tim Leatherwood - <i>AV/IT</i>	S-103	Rev. Nataly Negrete - <i>Fe y Esperanza</i>	S-300
Business Office Conference Room	S-103A	Open Heart Studio	S-300
Robert Lees - <i>Finance</i>	S-103B	Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan - <i>East End Ministry</i>	S-304
Veronica Pearce - <i>Business Admin.</i>	S-103C	Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald - <i>Senior Pastor</i>	S-305
Anna Teagarden - <i>Children's Music</i>	S-104	Rachel Wiggs - <i>Membership & Senior Pastor Asst.</i>	S-305
Children's Music Room	S-106	Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan - <i>Worship & Faith Formation</i>	S-306
Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley - <i>Teaching</i>	S-108	Rev. Andrew Wolfe - <i>Congregational Care</i>	S-307
1st Floor		Beverly McMahan - <i>Archives</i>	S-309
Chris Betts - <i>Music Director</i>	S-112	4th Floor	
Dawn Uebelhart - <i>Music Admin.</i>	S-133	Elisabet Cruz - <i>Foundation and Faith Formation Asst.</i>	S-400A
2nd Floor		Nina Hall - <i>Hospitality Coordinator & Congregational Care Asst.</i>	S-401A
Oksana Schwack - <i>Youth Assoc.</i>	S-203	Mary Linda Portner - <i>Foundation and Stewardship Director</i>	S-400B
Tiffin Wilsford - <i>Youth Director</i>	S-203		
Kat Denton - <i>Children, Youth, & Missions Asst.</i>	S-205		
Amy Taylor - <i>Missions Director</i>	S-206		
Rev. Kate Flint - <i>Children's Director</i>	S-207		
Donna Adair - <i>Editor & Special Projects</i>	S-208		
Helen Spaw - <i>Special Programs</i>	S-210		

Lectionary Readings and Music for January 2020

Watch any of these services live: www.stpaulshouston.org/live-stream.
For readings' texts, illuminated by art: www.stpaulshouston.org/sermons

JANUARY 5. EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-1

Congregational Hymns, all services

220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
219 *What Child Is This?*
217 *Away in a Manger*
109 *The First Noel*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir:
Nativity Carol - Rutter
No Small Wonder - Edwards

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Brightest and Best - arr. Shawn Kirchner (McKenna Jordan, violin)
Living Bread - Gilbert M. Martin

JANUARY 12. BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Congregational Hymns, all services

57. *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*
166 *All Praise to Thee*

8:30 and 9:45 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine - Carter

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Come to the Water - John Foley, SJ
arranged by Howard Helvey
Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake - Richard Farrant

JANUARY 19. SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Congregational Hymns, all services

103 *Immortal, Invisible*
398 *Jesus Calls Us*
173 *Christ, whose Glory Fills the Skies*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
Christ Is the Flower within My Heart - Chapman

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord - Moses Hogan
Lamb of God/Agnus Dei (from *Gospel Mass*) - Robert Ray (Josh Garvin, solo)

JANUARY 26. CONVERSION

OF PAUL

Acts 26:9-12
Psalm 67
Galatians 1:11-24
Matthew 10:16-22

Congregational Hymns, all morning services

545 *The Church's One Foundation*

463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

417 *O for a Heart to Praise my God*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
The Secret of Christ - Shephard

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Prayer of St. Francis - Allen Pote
(Mindy Phan, soprano)
O salutaris hostia - Pierre de la Rue

4 pm Evensong Service for the Conversion of Paul

Congregational Hymns

684 *Christ, mighty Savior*
In bulletin: *Come Labor on*

Sung by St. Paul's Choir

Responses - Radcliffe
Canticles: *St. Paul's Service* - Howells
Anthem: *For this Cause* - Harold Friedell



The Feast of the Conversion of Paul

In the liturgy of the church, we follow cycles of seasons as part of our tradition. Currently, we are celebrating the season of Epiphany, which started with the visit of the Magi and concludes with the Transfiguration of Jesus.

As another aspect of our tradition, the Church sets aside certain days as Saints' Days. One of the more prominent of these is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, our namesake.

This feast day occurs at the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated since 1908 as an effort to cast aside our various schisms and disagreements. Just as Paul stated, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28)," we are reminded that, despite divisions of denomination and culture, we are one church and one people.

Harvey Work Day: *January 25*

If you are tired of Harvey, think how those still affected must feel. Let's help them (finally) get through this.

The first Harvey work days in 2020 will be January 25, February 22, and March 28. For more information and to sign up for the work team: www.stpaulshouston.org/harvey or email Amy Taylor, Director of Missions, via ataylor@stpaulshouston.org.

In 2019, approximately 30 St. Paul's volunteers dedicated 350 hours over nine work days to repair four homes, totaling a volunteer-hour value of \$8,900. This includes one work day dedicated to homes affected by the Imelda tropical storm in September.

St. Paul's to Return to Border

A St. Paul's mission team will travel to the Lower Rio Grande Valley February 19 to 23, 2019.

The team will prepare and serve meals, distribute supplies, and provide other acts of service to the hundreds of families seeking asylum.

Interest meetings will be offered at St. Paul's on the Sundays of January 5 and 12 at 12:15 pm in the Fellers Room (S-312).

A current passport will be necessary since some of the work will be in Mexico.

Your Giving Records

Statements of giving to St. Paul's are accessible online via www.stpaulshouston.org/give.

If you have difficulty accessing your records through that portal, please contact Church Administrator Veronica Pearce via vpearce@stpaulshouston.org.

Year-end statements will be mailed.

To ensure that the church has your proper address, please contact Rachel Wiggs via rachel@stpaulshouston.org.

Spanish-language capabilities are a plus, though not required.

Cost is \$400/person double occupancy or \$600/person single.

Sign up by January 12 via www.stpaulshouston.org/border.

Questions? Amy Taylor: taylor@stpaulshouston.org

SEARCH Coming Home Returns

St. Paul's will host another 24-week Restorative Community project for 10-to-15 SEARCH Homeless Services clients on

Tuesday evenings in Fondren Hall, starting January 14.

To serve with this ministry or learn more about it, please contact Merlene McAlevy, St. Paul's SEARCH liaison, via mfmcalevy@gmail.com



Parking Hang Tags

Get at Welcome Table on Sundays or Reception Desk during week

Ongoing Weekly

NOTES: Some may resume after first week.

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Sundays

- 8:30, 9:45, and 11:05 am. Worship.
- 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Sunday School classes for all ages. For information and current locations: Visit Welcome Table at JB entrance. Childcare first floor JB.
- 9:45 am. Seasonal Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. J-211. January 5 to May 31. See page 2.
- 10:30-noon. Children's Choirs Rehearsals. S-106. Resume January 12.
- 5 pm. UMY, Confirmation. Youth Center. Resume January 12.
- 6 pm. Al-Anon. A-101.

Mondays (except Monday holidays unless indicated)

- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- Noon. Al-Anon. A-101.
- 6:15 pm. Dance Aerobics. Activity Center.
- 6:30 pm. Bell Practice. Bell Tower (every other Monday).
- 7 pm. Calumet Friends, open AA group. J-204. (meets on Monday holidays)
- 7:30-9 pm. Monday Night Basketball. Activity Center. *May resume January 13; verify with marisa@stpaulshouston.org.*

Tuesdays

- Noon. Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan. J-211.
- 12:30 pm. Tuesday Friends. J-203.
- 5 pm. SEARCH Coming Home. January 14-June 30. Fondren Hall.
- 6:30-8 pm. *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*. Fellers Rom (S-312). January 7 to February 25.

Wednesdays

- 7 am. Men's Lectionary Bible Study Breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. Fondren Lounge.
- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- Noon. Al-Anon. A-101.
- 12:05 pm. Veterans Helping Veterans. Youth Center.
- 12:15 pm. Communion Service. Chapel.
- 3:30-7 pm. Youth Mid Week Get Together. Youth Center. Resumes January 15.
- 4 pm. Wood Duck Farms Delivery. JB Lobby.
- 5:30-6:30 pm. Treble Choir Rehearsals. S-106. Resumes January 8.
- 7 pm. St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal. S-131.
- 7:30 pm. IDAA. A-101.

Thursdays

- 8:30 am. Women's Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Barbara Robberson. J-211.

This Month's Calendar — January 2020

KEY to Location abbreviations

A=Abraham Station, 5401 Fannin • J or JB=Jones Building, 5400 Fannin
S=Sanctuary Building, 5501 Main at Binz/Bissonnet

Questions about any listing: dadair@stpaulshouston.org

Ongoing weekly calendar on page 6.

January 1. Wednesday.

Church offices and facilities closed.

January 2. Thursday.

Church offices and facilities re-open.

- 8:30 am. Sugar Land Sisters. Location: leatherwoodjl@aol.com
- 10-11:30 am. Grieving in the New Year Healing Circle. J-202. Questions or RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5.

All morning: Sacred Space JB Lobby.

- 11:05 am. Women's HAC. S-300.
- 12:15 pm. Farewell Reception for Rev. Dr. Matthew Russell. Fondren Hall.
- 12:15 pm. Border Mission Trip information meeting. S-312. See page 6.
- 12:15 pm. Amazing Parents Amazing Kids. Cancelled this month.
- 1-4 pm. Prayers and Squares. A-101. Questions? sari.r.frey@gmail.com
- 5 pm. Fe y Esperanza Worship Service in Spanish. Chapel.

January 7. Tuesday.

- 6:30-8 pm. *Reclaiming Jesus* study begins. Fellers Room (S-312). See page 3.

January 8. Wednesday.

- 9:30 am. St. Paul's Moms resumes. Youth Center. See page 2.
- Noon. TCCEF Luncheon. Fondren Hall.
- 12:15 pm. Holy Communion. Chapel. Homilist: Rev. Andrew Wolfe.
- 5:30 pm. Houston Methodist Heart Health Support Group. J-204. See page 3.
- 6:30 pm. *Reclaiming Jesus* study begins. Fellers Room (S-312).

January 10. Friday.

- 6-10 pm. Kids Night Out. RSVP required: childcare@stpaulshouston.org.

January 11. Saturday.

St. Paul's Cycling. For start time and location: awolfe@stpaulshouston.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.

Campuswide Open House. See page 1.

- 9:45 am. *Making Sense of the Bible* study begins. J-211. See page 3.

- 12:15 pm. Children's leaders volunteer Training Lunch. J-202. RSVP: kflint@stpaulshouston.org.
- 12:15 pm. Border Mission Trip informational meeting. Fellers Room (S-312). Also deadline to sign up via www.stpaulshouston.org/border
- 12:15 pm. Coffee with the Pastors. JB Lobby.
- 12:15 pm. Innovative Lab. Youth Center. Questions? oksana@stpaulshouston.org.
- 2:30 pm. Choral Scholars sing at Brookdale West U, 5151 Buffalo Speedway 77005.

January 14. Tuesday.

- 6:30 pm. Parents of Murdered Children. J-211.
- 7 pm. NAMI Support Groups. J-202, 203.

January 15. Wednesday.

- 9:15 am. SP School presents "How to Beat Stress in One Minute or Less." Fondren Lounge.
- 12:15 pm. Holy Communion. Chapel. Homilist: Rev. Nataly Negrete.
- 4 pm. After School Program and Youth Chapel. Chapel.

January 16. Thursday.

- 9 am. Senior Men's Breakfast. IHOP at 2515 SW Freeway.
- 10 am. Healing of Racism Healing Art Circle. For location and RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

January 17. Friday.

- 5 pm. Elswick/Ventress wedding rehearsal; wedding service at 5 pm Saturday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19.

Houston Chevron Marathon. Plan route to church: www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com for course information and street closures

- 9:45 and 11:05 am. Exploring St. Paul's. Parlor. Choose one time.
- 11:05 am. Claiming Peace Healing Circle. S-300. Questions? hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.
- 12:15 pm. Church Council. Fellers Room (S-312). RSVP for lunch and

childcare: rachel@stpaulshouston.org.

January 20. Monday.

Church closed for MLK Day.

- 6:30 pm. Ordinary Life Book Group discusses *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* by Jennifer L. Eberhard. Location? george.r.sroka@gmail.com

January 21. Tuesday.

- 10:30 am. Women's News and Views. J-204. Program: Solidify statement of intention to become a reconciling group.
- 6 pm. Kidney Smart. J-211.
- 7 pm. Chapter One Book Group discusses *All the Lives We Never Lived* by Anuradha Roy. J-203.

January 22. Wednesday.

- 9:30 am. St. Paul's Moms. Activity Center. See January 8.
- 12:15 pm. Holy Communion. Chapel. Homilist: Rev. Cassandra Nuñez.

January 23. Thursday.

- 10-11:30 am. Women's HAC. S-300.

January 24. Friday.

- 5 pm. Sirgo/Connett wedding rehearsal; wedding service 4 pm. Saturday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26.

Revive Celebration. See pages 1 and 4.

- 4:30 pm. Health Team Spring Kick-off. Questions? awolfe@stpaulshouston.org
- 4 pm. St. Paul's Choir Evensong for the Conversion of Paul. See page 5.
- 5 pm. Parents P.R.A.Y. Fellers Room (S-312).

January 27. Monday.

- 5:30 pm. Lay Visitation Team Coffee and Reflections. Java Lava Brew, 1201 Southmore. Questions? awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

January 28. Tuesday.

- 7 pm. NAMI Support Groups. J-202, J-203.

January 29. Wednesday.

- 12:15 pm. Holy Communion. Chapel. Homilist: Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan.
- 6:30 pm. PRNIDAA. A-102 and A-104.

January 31-February 1.

JUMMP Design Team. Youth Center.

January 31. Friday.

- 6 pm. Weylandt/McLean wedding rehearsal; wedding service at 6:30 pm Saturday.

Preview of February 2020

Youth: Serious and Fun

St. Paul's Youth start February with Souper Bowl Sunday on February 2 when they collect non-perishable foods for donation to the Emergency Aid Coalition. Please place donations in designated barrels at church entrances.

That evening the Youth will gather in the Youth Center from 5 to 8:30 pm to watch the Super Bowl.

The next Sunday, February 9, the Youth will lead worship at all three morning services. Their witnesses often are a worship highlight for the entire year. Plan now to attend.

Lay Visitation Team

If you desire to grow and become a beacon of light that serves others as Christ's hands and feet, you are invited to join the Lay Visitation Team.

Rev. Andrew Wolfe offers a comprehensive training to equip team members to provide care on behalf of the church in homes, hospitals, and senior communities. The training will help you develop active listening skills, learn how to pray for people in various situations, and deepen emotional intelligence.

Classes will be February 5, 19; March 4, 18; and April 1, 15, from 6:30 to 8 pm in JB-204.

For more information and to sign up, contact Rev. Andrew Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

Servant of All

The Dean of Perkins School of Theology, Rev. Dr. Craig C. Hill, will teach the February 22 Perkins Lay School of Theology at St. Paul's. The topic: "Servant of all: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus."

For more information, including how to register, please go to www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/LaySchools/Houston

Those registering by February 14 will receive a copy of Hill's book of the same name.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

February 21
6:30 pm



"...They broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."

— Acts 2:46-47

SIGN-UP TO HOST OR RSVP TO ATTEND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

www.stpaulshouston.org/fellowship-friday

Ash Wednesday: February 26

St. Paul's will mark the beginning of Lent with two Ash Wednesday services on February 26. These will be at 12:15 and 7 pm, and both will be in the Sanctuary.

To schedule a baptism or flowers or to update your membership records, please contact Rachel Wiggs via rachel@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x123.

To let the Church know of births, hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths in the family or other concerns, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x113.

Lenten Art Day

The Children's Lenten Art Day will be Sunday, February 2, in children's Sunday School classes. They will create Lenten and Easter artwork for the annual Children's Lenten Devotional booklet. They may submit other illustrations to Rev. Kate Flint until February 9.

The complete booklet will be available for all throughout the campus and in color online via www.stpaulshouston.org/children beginning Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Recital Series

St. Paul's annual Lenten Recital Series begins Thursday, February 27, at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary with Mercury Chamber Orchestra.

Continuing each Thursday through April 2, the series is presented free of charge by St. Paul's Chamber Music Society. All but one of the recitals will be at 12:15 pm. The exception will be Thursday, March 5, at 7:30pm with Eya Medieval Ensemble and a pre-concert lecture by Dr. Bill Kerley.

Foundation Scholarship Deadline: February 15

Applications for the scholarships awarded by St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston are available on the church website at www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-scholarships.

The application deadline for the 2020-21 school year is February 15. Please use the appropriate application for the situation — graduating high school senior or returning college student. In 2019, the Foundation awarded 38 scholarships, totaling \$81,850.

A description of each of the scholarships from which these are awarded also is on that webpage. Donations toward any fund are always appreciated.