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## Pastor's Message

In Brennan Manning's daily devotion book, *Reflections for Ragamuffins*, he writes that the meaning of Easter is more than hope beyond the grave, more than the infallible guarantee that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is our pledge.

The Easter victory is about Christ action in our lives — it means that the risen Christ is Lord of our lives right now. "Meaning he is God above all the gods of the unreal world out there — security, power, wealth, beauty, or whatever else makes false claims on our lives."

What a wonderful way to celebrate the greatest holiday in the church. In



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald  
Senior Pastor

the early church, every Sunday was a "little Easter" celebration.

I hope your Lenten season is going well and that you are watching our daily devotions as you are preparing

your heart for Easter. If you need to sign up, see "Lenten Resources, Holy Week Services" above right.

Lent reminds us of our discipleship journey, and that is why we tied it to our stewardship campaign.

The worship team is working hard to make Holy Week services special and meaningful, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and, of course, Easter as well.

Peace,  
Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald  
Senior Pastor

## Lenten Resources, Holy Week Services

St. Paul's provides several ways to prepare for Easter. Resources are still available on tables at the Sanctuary entrance and at [www.stpaulshouston.org/lent](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/lent).

Daily Lenten devotions are on the church's YouTube channel and social media. On Thursdays these are musical meditations by St. Paul's Music Department.

To have the spoken-word devotions emailed or physically sent to your home, email [faithformation@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:faithformation@stpaulshouston.org) or call the church (713-528-0527) Monday-Thursday between 9 am and 2 pm or Friday between 9 am and noon.

The complete schedule of Holy Week Services is on page 8 as well as at [www.stpaulshouston.org/lent](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/lent).



Cover of 2021 *My Lent and Easter Book* illustrated by St. Paul's children.

## Step into Action after February's Winter Blast

As power and water began creeping back from the "Winter Shock," St. Paul's Disaster Readiness Coordinator Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan

organized opportunities to help our Neighbors by providing gifts of service and monetary gifts for both immediate and long-term needs.

On Saturday morning, February 20, donations of specific items were brought to the church for distribution. (See photo above.)

The next afternoon, working with *Restoration Houston* Paul led a

canvassing team around the Boynton Chapel UMC neighborhood to connect those needing assistance with specific problems



To learn about ways you can help — or if you need help, including filing insurance claims — email [paul.richards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:paul.richards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org), and watch for updates on the church website ([www.stpaulshouston.org](http://www.stpaulshouston.org)) and through other church media, including the emailed *Chimes* and *Weekly Pastor's Message*, and social media.

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## Celebrate Stewardship March 21

In this Lenten season of personal growth and spiritual renewal, remember to adopt the aims of St. Paul's stewardship campaign: dedicate time each day to God; respond to God's generous gifts to you by renewing your stewardship pledge

or by making a first time estimate of stewardship giving; and commit to growing in discipleship through serving your church.



Help us reach our campaign goal of 33 percent of our members engaging in stewardship giving. Every pledge contributes to our commitment to live as a faithful congregation. To make your pledge to Grow and Renew and to commit to renewed

discipleship, visit [www.stpaulshouston.org/stewardship](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/stewardship). Pledge commitments made up to March 19 will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, March 21.

## Emergency Aid Coalition Update

The Clothing Center at the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) has been re-organized and is ready to accept donations of clean, gently loved clothes and household linens, especially

- Coats and sweaters. Men's, women's, and children's sizes
- Household linens. Blankets, sheets & pillowcases, towels & washcloths
- Other Clothing for Men. Long-sleeved shirts, pants of all lengths but only waist sizes 30" to 34"
- Other Clothing for Women. Pants, skirts, tops, and dresses — sizes 14 and above
- Other Clothing for Teens. Boys' pants and shorts — sizes 12 to 18. Girls' pants, shorts, tops, and

- dresses — sizes 2 to 18
- Other Clothing for Children elementary -age and Younger. Shoes — all sizes. Boys' pants — sizes 6 to 12. Girls' pants, shorts, tops, and dresses — sizes 6 to 12. Diapers — sizes 5 and 6 — and pull-ups.

Please bring items to the EAC, 5401 Fannin, M-F between 9 am and 1 pm. Questions or to volunteer, call Marian Bryant at 832-859-1065.

Always needed are fresh fruit (especially bananas and oranges), fruit cups, cereal, and other non-perishable food. Items on the Amazon wish list (<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/25PIG4PNCK5P6>) also are always needed.

Thank you.

## 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.

Proceeds from the sale of either style blanket will assist the St. Paul's Fe y Espe-

ranza 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 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](mailto:nina@stpaulshouston.org)



1st Saturdays  
8 am-3 pm

*Serve on a*  
**Disaster Recovery Team**

[www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery)

JOIN OUR TEAM TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS.  
NO SKILLS NEEDED; TRAINING PROVIDED.

The Disaster Recovery Team is usually in action the first Saturday of every month, occasionally more often. Some post-Harvey work is ongoing, and new work will be needed for those affected by the freeze.

To be part of a team, sign up via the Sign-up Genius at [www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/recovery). If the sign-up link is missing or out of date or if all the slots are taken, please email [kat@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:kat@stpaulshouston.org).

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](mailto:kat@stpaulshouston.org).

## Join the Green Team

The Green Team is creating and implementing green initiatives at St. Paul's to be better stewards of our Earth. To attend the monthly meeting via Zoom, email [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org).

## COVID-19 Assistance Fund

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

- go to [www.stpaulshouston.org/give](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/give)
- click on the blue "Give Online" button
- select "Give one time" or "Set up Recurring," then frequency, if recurring

- select "Other/Events" from the drop-down "Fund" menu
- write "COVID fund" or "Healthcare worker meals" on the memo line
- press the blue "Next" button and enter amount

If you need COVID-19-related assistance, please contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via [prichardskuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:prichardskuan@stpaulshouston.org).



A 12-week Lay Visitation Training will begin on the evening of Thursday, March 18. It will be co-facilitated over Zoom by Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Rev. Andrew Wolfe and Rod Kottenbrink.

The curriculum created by Community of Hope focuses on finding God's call in our lives through experiential discovery and understanding of spiritual gifts for ministry.

This spiritual formation program is anchored in the timeless principles of Benedictine spirituality and is based on the classic "clinical pastoral education" model used by many hospitals to train chaplains.

Students will be encouraged to make this journey into wholeness as they are invited to develop their own "rule of life" while exploring sacred silence, Christian meditation, compassionate listening, *lectio divina*, and pastoral identity.

This 12-week experience builds community and develops spiritually centered pastoral caregivers who are equipped for ministry in multiple settings, including their own families, workplaces, and civic organizations, as well as in traditional ministry settings such as the congregation, hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice.

For more about this training or to register, email [awolfe@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:awolfe@stpaulshouston.org)

## St. Paul's Family

### Births.

Congratulations to Michael Pirics and Brett Chiquet on the birth of their son, Richard Harvey Pirics-Chiquet, who was born February 1, 2021.

Congratulations to Erin and Scott Reid on the birth of their son, William Robert Reid, who was born February 1, 2021.

### Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to

Terri and Tony Alley and their family on the death of Terri's mother, Bobbie Fellers, who died February 2, 2021. Bobbie was the widow of Rev. Dr. John Fellers, who was St Paul's senior pastor from 1976 to 1985. The Fellers Room is named in their memory.

Deepest sympathy to Don Coffelt on the death of his wife, Charlotte Coffelt, who died on February 16, 2021.

## Making Sense of Our Times

Thanks to a class project that Dr. Steven Klineberg had his Rice University sociology students conduct about 40 years ago, the City of Houston has



been the subject of a longitudinal study unmatched anywhere else.

That class project morphed into what is now informally referred to as "The Klineberg Report," more formally as the "Kinder Houston Area Survey." In 2020 the Kinder Institute for Urban Research was established at Rice with Klineberg as the founding director. That institute is home to this study as well as other urban research.

What Klineberg and the study have gleaned about the economic and demographic transformations undergone in Houston over the past 39 years will be the topic of his talk with St. Paul's Primetimers on Thursday, March

11, at 11 am via Zoom.

He posits that few cities exemplify more clearly than Houston the trends that are refashioning the social and political

landscape across America as a whole.

In this presentation he will explore the way the new realities are unfolding and consider the implications of these trends for the way area residents are responding to the central challenges and opportunities that will shape the future of Houston and the nation in the years ahead.

Based on these studies, in 2020 Klineberg published *Prophetic City: Houston on the Cusp of a Changing America in Changing America*. Now professor emeritus of sociology at Rice, he received 12 major teaching awards and is a much sought-after speaker in Houston and beyond.

To attend this Zoom gathering, email [primetimers@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:primetimers@stpaulshouston.org) by noon Tuesday, March 9.

### Tutors Needed

If you can you tutor or mentor a MacGregor Elementary student via Zoom or want to know more about this opportunity, contact Bob Mahlstedt via [Rmahlst488@aol.com](mailto:Rmahlst488@aol.com)

## Kerley Lecture March 9: John Tucker, Author of *Zero Theology*

The Kerley Endowment for Spiritual Advancement and Understanding presents Rev. John Tucker, author of the book *Zero Theology: Escaping Belief through Catch-22s*.

The lecture will be on Tuesday March 9, at 7 pm in webinar format via Zoom. It is free of charge, but to access it, registration is required through [www.ordinarylife.org](http://www.ordinarylife.org).

What is Zero Theology?

Adapted from his introduction to the book, as published on the website of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, here are approaches to the answer:

“I have been trapped in the clichéd, superficial, proposition based form of Christian religious life in North America for some time. I have also been familiar with Joseph Heller’s *Catch-22* for many years but it was not until a recent reading that I had an insight that provided me with a way out of this propositional, religious trap.

“The insight was that religious claims, as opposed to scientific or ethical claims, should be expressed only as ‘Catch-22s’ because these paradoxes do not make straightforward claims about the world that can be believed or rejected. ‘Catch-22s’ are a form of paradox which establishes conditions that cannot be escaped. Because of this, one cannot find hope in a ‘Catch-22.’ This means that our only options are despair and transcendence. One cannot obtain freedom without risking despair. This is the only kind of risky invitation we should expect from any religious path that is worth living.

“As I reflected upon this insight, I realized that in some respects, common or traditional religious language has always used ‘Catch-22s,’ though this has gone unnoticed. I persisted in an investigation whereby I translated theological claims into ‘Catch-22s.’ I felt a freedom that comes when one realizes that the only way to escape a larger trap is through triggering a smaller trap. This paradox lies at the heart of the book I have written, *Zero Theology*.

“I call this freedom *Zero Theology* because I make zero straightforward, comforting claims about the world. Another way of saying this is that *Zero Theology* makes zero theological claims about the world other than the ones that can be expressed as ‘Catch-22s.’

“In a *Zero Theology* world, those currently trapped in the belief paradigm, which divides people into believers and unbelievers, could converse as friends because their prop-

osition-based disagreement would disappear. My goal is not to correctly align straightforward comforting religious beliefs with some proposed metaphysical structure of the universe. My goal is to live a free and transcendent life.

“*Zero Theology* is not for everyone. It is only for those courageous enough to risk despair.”

“‘Catch-22s’ are not like propositions that can be believed or doubted. They are paradoxical traps that can set us free.”

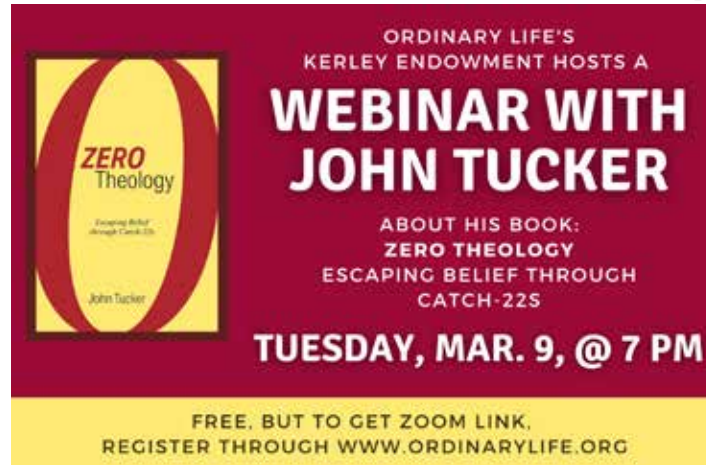
Rev. Tucker serves as Superintendent for the Crater Lake District in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Kerley Endowment Fund for Spiritual Advancement and Understanding was established by members of the Ordinary Life class, who

wished to honor their teacher, Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley. Grants attributable to this fund are available to underwrite educational activities and programs that further the lessons of Dr. Kerley’s own faith journey.

To donate to the fund, go to [pushpay.com/g/stpaulshouston](http://pushpay.com/g/stpaulshouston), select Foundation on the dropdown menu, and write “Kerley Lectureship” on the memo line.

For more information about the Foundation, see [www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation) or email Executive Director Mary Linda Portner via [mlportner@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:mlportner@stpaulshouston.org).



To receive the *Chimes* weekly e-letter and Friday Pastor’s Message, email [dadair@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:dadair@stpaulshouston.org)

## Pastors Bible Study Continues

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

Each week, two pastors lead the webinar, concluding with a Q&A session.

This spring’s study focuses on Ecclesiastes. The

previous study focused on Revelation.

These classes may be joined at any time via [www.stpaulshouston.org/study](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/study). And previous sessions are posted on the church website at the bottom of that page, including sessions from the previous study.

Questions? [faithformation@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:faithformation@stpaulshouston.org).

## Environmental Stewardship

At the March 4 meeting of Ordinary Life Women, Helen Spaw will talk about St. Paul's environmental stewardship programs, including how these programs began and evolved, the vision, and opportunities available. These programs include the new Community Garden, the Green Team, and their connection with Diversity Vision and our Fe y Esperanza Community.

To attend this virtual meeting, email Lynn Schroth via [lynnmschroth@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmschroth@yahoo.com). The meeting on Zoom will be at noon Thursday, March 4.



Helen with the garden storage box the team built in January.

## 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 circle 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](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org).

### Veterans Healing Circle

In addition, St. Paul's hosts a weekly gathering of veterans that 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 are available for those who participate in the circle. Participants

must complete a health 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](mailto:nina@stpaulshouston.org) to let her know the number of lunches she should order and to be notified of last-minute cancellations.

## 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](mailto: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 to March 10, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom. To connect, contact Kathie Hartzog via [khartzog@msmhouston.org](mailto:khartzog@msmhouston.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.

# Anna Teagarden and Children's Music: 20 Musically Wonderful Years

Anna Teagarden was a soprano soloist in St. Paul's Choir for about five years before taking the helm of the Children's Music Ministry about 15 years ago.

During those years, while remaining a choir soloist and continuing the Joyful Noise music assembly for pre-schoolers, the Wesley Singers for 1st and 2nd graders, and the Choristers for 3rd through 8th graders, she initiated the St. Paul's Youth Strings and the Treble Choir. She also introduced the Royal School of

Church Music (RSCM) curriculum and led the RSCM Gulf Coast Summer Course, based at St. Paul's, for several years.

Sunday, February 28, was her last Sunday at St. Paul's. She will now lead the children's music ministry at The Church of St. John the Divine.

Below are a few pictures representative of her ministry here over these years, starting with her rehearsal with the Treble Choir for the February 28 outdoor service.



## WEEKLY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Stay in touch via the St. Paul's Kids Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/KidsOfSPUMC](http://www.facebook.com/KidsOfSPUMC)) and the Children's Ministry e-letter. To ensure receiving the e-letter and other connections, email [kflint@stpaulshouston.org](mailto: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](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/childrenschoirs). The day-by-day children's schedule follows:

### Children's Choirs:

- **Wesley Singers** (Grades 1-2). Sundays at 2 pm.
- **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 [susie@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:susie@stpaulshouston.org)

## 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.

Current 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](mailto:kflint@stpaulshouston.org).

### YOUTH SCHEDULE

The current Youth schedule follows. Questions? [tiffin@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:tiffin@stpaulshouston.org) or [oksana@stpaulshouston.org](mailto: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.



## CORNERSTONE society

OF ST. PAUL'S FOUNDATION

The Cornerstone Society is happy to welcome the following new members:

Michelle and Clark Glickman,  
Austin and Carter

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](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation) or contact Mary Linda Portner via [mlportner@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:mlportner@stpaulshouston.org).

## Important Tax Changes to Charitable Giving

The charitable giving terms of The CARES Act have been modified and extended into the 2021 tax year.

Under the new terms, all taxpayers filing as individuals are allowed to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 — even if you do not itemize — and couples filing jointly may take \$600.

Simply, if you donate up to \$300 or \$600 in cash to a qualified charitable organization, such as St. Paul's UMC or St. Paul's Foundation, your adjusted gross income (AGI) will be reduced accordingly — and you can still claim the standard deduction.

For those who do itemize their deductions, cash contributions to qualified charities such as St. Paul's once again may be deducted up to 100 percent of AGI. This might be a good year to bunch multi-year gifts or to make large cash gifts to maximize both your deduction and impact on the causes that matter to you.

IRA owners over age 70½ can still give up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to St. Paul's and pay no tax on the distribution.

For those age 70½\* and older, this year as every year, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's) from their IRA's may be made directly to a qualified charity such as St. Paul's. These distributions count as part of a required minimum distribution (RMD). No additional income is recognized (as this is a charitable donation), the tax liability on the RMD is reduced, and one may still take the standard deduction when filing their taxes. Some restrictions apply to these distributions, so please check with your tax advisor.

\*While the age for RMD's was raised to 72½ on January 1, 2020, the age for QCD's remains 70½.

## Amazing Place Programs in March

Amazing Place provides a variety of programs to empower lives disrupted by dementia. Many are online, and it is currently anticipated that the in-person day programming can begin again within the next several weeks. Online programs in March are listed below.

### **Savvy Caregiver 6-week program begins March 2 from 1 to 3 pm. Free.**

Caregiving, especially for someone dealing with dementia, is often a new role that requires special skills and knowledge. This class helps caregivers understand dementia, its effects on behavior, and provide personalized strategies for caregiving and related decision making. To register: Email Sharon Cantrell, Caregiver Educator, [scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org](mailto:scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org) or (713) 440-8177

### **Memory Training 4-week program begins March 9 from 1 to 2:30 pm. \$40.**

Memory Training is designed for people who wish to improve their memory. The course is not intended for people with a diagnosis of dementia. The goal is to help participants develop good memory habits and to teach techniques to improve memory. The class targets these common complaints:

- Forgetting names and faces; items on your to-do list; and where you put things, such as your keys, glasses, or wallet
- Knowing something you can't immediately recall or "tip of the tongue" memory challenges

To register: Contact [sdavis@amazingplacehouston.org](mailto:sdavis@amazingplacehouston.org)

### **It's Time for a Brain Tune-up. 1 session March 10 from 1 to 2 pm. Free.**

Want to maximize your brain health? Are you interested in learning more about the key habits under your control to promote healthy aging? Your brain awareness journey starts here! To register: [www.amazingplacehouston.org/events/its-time-for-a-brain-tune-up](http://www.amazingplacehouston.org/events/its-time-for-a-brain-tune-up)

## Who to Contact for What

To reach any staff, call 712-528-0527 or email [info@stpaulshouston.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nina@stpaulshouston.org).

To schedule a baptism or order altar flowers, contact Dawn Uebelhart via [dawn@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:dawn@stpaulshouston.org).

To schedule a wedding, please contact Betty Rennell via [bettyrennell@gmail.com](mailto:bettyrennell@gmail.com).

## Looking Ahead

### Holy Week Worship, Prayer Schedule

Updates to this schedule will be posted at [www.stpaulshouston.org/lent](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/lent)

#### WORSHIP OUTDOORS IN HOLY WEEK

Register for outdoor services via [www.stpaulshouston.org/lent](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/lent)

##### **Palm Sunday with Procession of Palms**

10 and 11:30 am. Labyrinth and Plaza.

##### **Maundy Thursday**

Noon. Service of Holy Communion. Labyrinth.

7 pm. Service of Holy Communion with the Stripping of the Altar. Plaza.

##### **Good Friday**

*The Three Hours' Devotion.* Plaza.

Noon. Service of Confession and Self-Dedication.

1 pm. Service of the Stations of the Cross (in English y en Español).

2 pm. Service of the Passion of the Lord.

##### **Holy Saturday**

5 pm. Service of Confirmation. Plaza.

##### **Easter Sunday**

8:30, 10, and 11:30 am. Plaza.

Flowering of the Cross all morning.

#### WORSHIP ONLINE IN HOLY WEEK

Access these services via [www.stpaulshouston.org/worship](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/worship)

##### **Palm Sunday with Procession of Palms**

8 am, 9:45, 11:05 am. Streamed and YouTube.

##### **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week**

Noon. Service of Holy Communion. Zoom.

##### **Maundy Thursday**

Noon. Service of Holy Communion. Zoom.

7 pm. Service of Holy Communion with the Stripping of the Altar. Streamed and YouTube.

##### **Good Friday**

Noon. Service of the Passion of the Lord. Streamed and YouTube.

##### **Holy Saturday**

7 pm. The Great Vigil of Easter. Zoom.

##### **Easter Sunday**

8:30, 10, and 11:30 am. Streamed and YouTube.

## Mission Garden Growing Strong



Planted mere days before February's "Winter Shock," these herbs survived quite nicely, thanks to members of the Community Mission Garden team who lovingly covered them with appropriate protection. The garden, located on the Prospect Street side of the Jones Building, is growing produce that will be sold on the Plaza with proceeds going to community garden members in need. Garden team members meet via Zoom on the second Friday of the month at 10:30 am as well as when needed to tend the garden. To learn more about the garden or connect to the meetings, email Helen Spaw via [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org).



## Explore Possibilities for Outdoor Chess Ministry

When the informal, vacant-lot home of the Third Ward Chess Club was sold, Ed Pettitt, leader of the Third Ward's Complete Communities Initiative, spearheaded the club's relocation to Live Oak and McGowen. Designated as the Third Ward Chess Park, the space has received loving-care clean-up by area residents and physical donations, including picnic tables and benches, wooden doors transformed into raised bed planters, and a bicycle rack.

Now St. Paul's Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan is exploring the possibilities of establishing a chess ministry in the park, which is only 10 minutes/three miles from St. Paul's.

If you play chess, would like to learn how to play chess, — or dominoes or checkers — or even if you don't play any of those games but would like to explore the possibility of this ministry, please contact Paul via [paulrichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:paulrichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org).