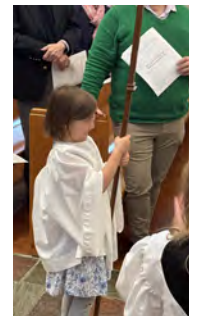




ST. PAUL'S
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Parish Notes

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Top row: Rite 13 students and parents at celebration dinner; Second Row: Rite 13 families receiving blessing during worship; Third Row: Godly Play and Workshop Adventures classes on Children and Youth Sunday; Bottom Row: Youth choirs, Lauren's sermon, and mini-Crucifer on Children and Youth Sunday.

Summer Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate



Until I became the interim rector of St. Andrew's Church in Cincinnati, I had never served a parish where the church building was air conditioned. I spent a lot of summer Sundays as a priest wearing shorts under my vestments! It was the only way to survive the heat and humidity of summer church!

So oppressive was the heat in some places in this country that Episcopal Churches closed up for the summer or else went to a single early service. Some parishioners (those who could) left town for July and August and attended the summer chapels that sprang up in resort destinations to meet the demand of summer travelers. People went to church at the beach or in the mountains with their summertime neighbors.

My brother, Bob, and I were acolytes at St. Hubert of the Lakes in the southern Adirondacks for many years. At the time, the congregation met in a log building – now unfortunately torn down and replaced by a more practical, but less charming structure.

For several years while I was rector of St. Luke's in Granville, I spent a few summer Sundays as the guest preacher and celebrant at St. Andrew's in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. The view out the glass doors to the church gives the preacher a perfect view of Narragansett Bay with the white sails of the sailboats dotting the bay. Talk about distracting! More than once I found myself imagining that I was out on one of the boats tacking back and forth rather than leading worship!

St. Paul's nave and chapel aren't airconditioned, so I recently brought my summer suits from Granville to Cleveland. And I have my shorts ready!

Our summer Sunday Worship Schedule is slightly different. You can find this information on page 3, the St. Paul's website, and repeated in our weekly email.

I expect that we may see a few more people at 7:45 a.m., as folks worship earlier so they can enjoy summer activities. I hope we can sustain the good attendance that we have enjoyed these last several months. St. Paul's is stronger when we pray together.

I hope you'll go to church during those Sundays when you're out of town. If you think of it, bring me the Sunday service bulletins from the churches you attend. Who knows? Maybe you'll find a summer chapel someplace that will touch your soul deeply. I will never forget services at St. Hubert's.

Summer is a great time to get in touch with the world God has created as well, so Rev. Gabriel will be leading "Holy Hikes" in beautiful, local natural settings (see page 5).

Let me close with an excerpt from one of the canticles in our Book of Common Prayer. It's from Cantic 12 – *A Song of Creation. Even the natural world praises the Lord!*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

See you this summer in church! Blessings,
Stephen Applegate

Worship



Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. (with ASL interpretation, Livestreamed)

We will have two services on Pentecost, 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. You are encouraged to wear red by tradition.

Summer Healing Eucharists

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., June 4, July 2, August 6, Chapel of the Cross

Join us on the first Wednesday evening of the month this summer for a Healing Eucharist. This Eucharist will include a Litany for Healing as well as the laying on of hands with anointing for anyone who desires it. Whether you are in need of healing or come offering prayers for a loved one in need, find God's peace and love at this simple service.



Final Bible Study Before Summer Break

Thursday, June 12, 9 a.m., Sanders Room

During the program year, Weekly Bible Study offers a chance to take a closer look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday. These sessions are typically led by the preacher who will be covering the readings during their sermon. While we value this time for small-group reflection, after June 12, we will take a break over the summer and resume in the fall. If you would like to continue the Thursday morning habit of beginning with reflection, consider joining us for Summer Morning Prayer services.



Mark Your Calendars for Summer Sunday Worship

Our summer worship schedule begins on June 15, Trinity Sunday.

7:45 a.m. | *St. Martin's Chapel*

9 a.m. | *East lawn* (with ASL interpretation)

In the event of inclement weather, worship will take place in the Nave.

10:30 a.m. | *Nave* (Livestreamed)

Childcare is not offered in the summer.

Call for Baptisms

Sunday, June 15, and July 13 and 27

The next baptisms will be on Trinity Sunday, June 15, and July 13 and 27. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized on one of these dates, please email Rev. Gabriel Lawrence at least seven days in advance: GLawrence@StPaulsCLE.org.

Morning Prayer Service

Thursdays beginning June 19, 9 a.m., Chapel of the Cross

Responding to a request to keep Thursday Morning Prayer going, we will be bringing back this practice every week. Join us for this simple, lay-led service to start your day grounded in Scripture and prayer.



Pride Eucharist

Sunday, June 29, 9 a.m.

We'll celebrate with a Pride Eucharist on the East Lawn during the 9 a.m. service. This service will celebrate the full inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community in the life of our parish, with readings and prayers chosen to highlight the diversity and goodness of all God's creation.



Parish Events



Pride in the CLE

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m.,
breakfast at Coventry House, travel downtown together

Join St. Paul's and other congregations from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio for Pride in the CLE, Cleveland's annual LGBTQIA+ Pride celebration.

St. Paul's parishioners and friends will gather for a breakfast at Coventry House. After breakfast, we'll head to the RTA station and ride downtown together. The march begins at 11 a.m. from Public Square. Please email Rev. Gabriel if you will be attending the breakfast: GLawrence@StPaulsCLE.org.

ACT II Shop Jumble Sale

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

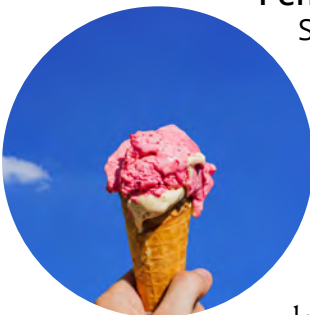


The ACT II Shop is holding its Jumble Sale on Saturday, June 7. Fill a bag from our sale area for just \$8. Then, after noon, ALL items (sale area AND shop floor) are 50% off! You will find adult clothing and accessories, home decor items, housewares, vintage and modern pieces, and

much more. Even the larger furniture is on sale. **We look forward to seeing you there!** *Cash preferred, credit accepted.*

Pentecost Ice Cream Truck

Sunday, June 8, 11:15am



Please join us for an East Coast Custard treat following the 10 a.m. combined service on Pentecost. The truck will park in the Coventry parking lot, and all are welcome to enjoy

a cone or cup of vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry (red for Pentecost of course!). What a great way to kick off summer at St. Paul's!

Men's Council Picnic

Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m., *Dennis Coughlin's home, Hunting Valley*

The Men's Council invites all men of the church to their annual end-of-the-church-year picnic at the home of Dennis Coughlin in Hunting Valley. Food, drinks, and fellowship will be abundant. Please RSVP to Michael at MCarlstrom@gmail.com or Dennis at DennisCoughlin@gmail.com. Carpooling is encouraged.



Summer Small Groups

Sign up by June 8

Are you looking for ways to get to know people at St. Paul's? Then please consider joining a Summer Small Group!

Groups of 10-12 parishioners will gather for fellowship about once per month over the summer. Groups will organize their own gatherings which may include such things as a potluck meal at someone's home or another venue (picnic shelter, MetroPark, beach, etc.).



All are welcome and encouraged to sign up by June 8. Fill out the form on St. Paul's website to indicate your interest. Contact Kirsten Radivoyevitch with any questions: KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org.

Learn more: StPaulsCLE.Org/blog/summer-small-groups-2025

Parish Events

Holy Hiking

Last Saturday of the month during summer



Lace up your hiking boots for an exploration of our local parks with our church community. We'll pause midway through our hike to share in a brief service of Holy Eucharist, overlooking God's creation. For more details or to RSVP, contact Rev. Gabriel: GLawrence@StPaulsCLE.org.

2025 Holy Hikes

Saturday, June 28

4:30 p.m., an accessible hike at Shaker Lakes

Saturday, July 26

9:30 a.m., at Station Road Bridge, Brecksville

Saturday, August 23

9:30 a.m., an accessible hike at Acacia Reservation

Summer Camps

St. Paul's Reading Camp

Reading and Writing Program at Bellwether Farm

Sun. June 22 - Fri. June 27

Open Doors Academy (ODA) day camp:

Mon. July 14 - Thurs. July 17

Mon. July 21 - Thurs. July 24



For many years, St. Paul's has provided summer Reading Camps for rising third and fourth graders who need support. This ministry serves as a "bridge" for students to retain or improve reading comprehension skills over the summer, a time when most students don't receive classroom instruction. We need volunteers in the mornings to help as reading partners for our Pleasure Reading station, particularly for the ODA camps. Please email Julie Micheletti (MichelettiJulie@Gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.



Bellwether
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Rev. Gabriel to be Camp Chaplain at Bellwether Farm

Sun. July 6 - Fri. July 11

This summer, Rev. Gabriel will be camp chaplain at Session 4 of camp at Bellwether Farm. Session Four of summer camp will be for children and youth entering grades 3-9. If your child would like to attend this or any other camp session at Bellwether this summer, you can find more information and registration on the Bellwether Farm website.

Summer camp information:
TinyURL.com/bellwether25



Music

2025 Summer Carillon Festival

Sundays, June 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6 p.m., *Front Lawn (rain site Tucker Hall)*



The 2025 Summer Carillon Festival continues on four Sunday evenings in June. These 45-minute concerts take place on the front lawn of St. Paul's.

These are informal concerts, and you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on, and, if you like, a picnic.

This year, we are featuring four carillonists.



On June 8, Carson Landry, University of Rochester Carillonist, offers a varied program of Korean music, music inspired by nature, sacred music from varying traditions, and variations on familiar hymns.



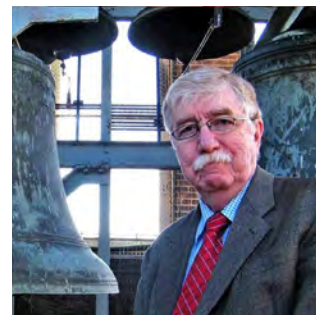
Then, on June 15, Hyojin Moon, doctoral student at the University of Michigan, plays music of love and lament, grace in melody, music inspired by Gregorian chant, and music from the cinema.



Assistant Carillonist at the Church of the Covenant, Keiran Cantilina, returns to offer us traditional tunes like "Scarborough Fair" and "The Water is Wide." He also weaves a medley from Mary Poppins and ends with a Paul Simon tune.

To sum up the festival this year, St. Paul's own carillonist David Osburn, presents "Every Melody is Waltz" with music formed around familiar melodies in $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Please join us for these four evenings as we enjoy the sounds of our 47-bell carillon soaring over St. Paul's and the surrounding neighborhood.



June 8 – Carson Landry
June 15 – Hyojin Moon
June 22 – Keiran Cantilina
June 29 – David Osburn

Bluegrass Holy Eucharist

Sundays, July 27 and August 24, at the 9 a.m. service, *Front Lawn*

The Forest City String Band will accompany our 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist services on Sundays, July 27 and August 24. Don't miss this St. Paul's classic, which brings together the beautiful, lush melodies of bluegrass with traditional gospel tunes!



End of Choir Season

By Kevin Jones, Director of Music

As we close another program year, thanks are due to the choirs of St. Paul's for their stewardship of time and talent in leading the music of worship week in and week out.

From the St. Catherine Choir, St. Cecilia and St. David Choir, Youth Choir, St. Paul's Ringers, and the Senior Choir, our worship could not soar without their musical leadership at all of our liturgies. We thank not only the choristers in the children's and youth choirs, but



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also their parents for making it a priority in their very busy lives to come to weekly rehearsals.

St. Catherine and St. Cecilia and St. David rehearse each Thursday afternoon. The Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings in the 11 a.m. hour each week. The St. Paul's Ringers carve out 90 minutes each Monday afternoon to keep their skills sharp and prepare for monthly worship. The Senior Choir rehearses each Thursday evening for two hours to make certain that they are prepared for leadership. All of these folks give a huge amount of time and love to St. Paul's and to the worship of God. All of us are beneficiaries of this care and effort and we owe them our gratitude and appreciation.

Thank you to our choirs and to their leaders!





Top row and Second Row, Left: Children helping with portions of the service on Children and Youth Sunday; Second Row, Right: high school graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday, Third Row, Left: Celebrating the ministry of Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway; Third Row, Right: Choral Evensong for Karel Paukert; Bottom Row (courtesy of Jim Ptacek): Creation-in-bloom; an interesting optical illusion of "halos" in the Nave (reflections of the Narthex lights on the windows at the back of the Nave); and a reminder of God's covenant and invitation to look forward to PRIDE month