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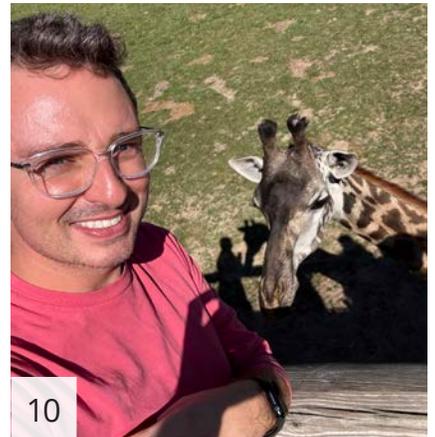
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Pictures: 1. Welcome sign that was hand-painted by St. Paul's youth. 2. Signers at Gallaudet Sunday. 3. Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. 4. Newcomers Garden Tour. 5. Fall Gallery Show Opening. 6. The return of our Choirs on Kick-Off Sunday. 7. TotalChaos! 8. Parish Picnic fellowship and food. 9. Rev'd T.J. in a floral crown chatting with young Choristers. 10. Rev. Gabriel at the Cleveland Zoo with Sages.

A Letter from the Rector

Gratitude is at the heart of our Christian faith. Our central act of corporate worship is one of gratitude, of thanks. The Eucharist in the Greek means thanksgiving. In Eucharistic prayer D the corporate memorial acclamation is...

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.¹

My heart has been full of gratitude these first several weeks at Saint Paul's. I am grateful for the exceedingly warm welcome that my family and I have received—I am not sure that I have ever felt more instantly loved and welcomed in a place. I am grateful for conversations, tears, and laughter that has been shared. I am grateful for the good work that we are doing within and outside of our walls—for the dedicated parishioners, lay leaders, and staff who kept Saint Paul's moving forward during the interregnum.

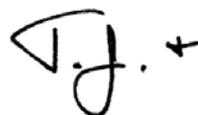
My gratitude also extends to the faithful who gathered in 1846 to found Saint Paul's, to my predecessors who worked to prepare the rich soil in which we stand today, and to all those who have loved this parish and been loved by her whom we still love but see no longer.

Death is all around us, and yet it is no easier to speak about. Weekly we pray for the departed in our prayers of the people, which can often be a foreign practice to those who are new to a liturgical, little c, catholic church. Our Catechism poses the question, *Why do we pray for the dead?* And answers, *"We pray for them, because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is."*

At the end of October, the Church observes a liturgical movement known as "Hallowtide," which covers the evenings of October 31, November 1, and November 2—All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day, respectively. At Saint Paul's, we will recognize this mini-season with our Service of Remembrance on October 29 and All Saints' Sunday on November 2. This year, Lauren Dockery, Gabriel Lawrence, and I are working on a way to better honor and acknowledge those whom we love but see no longer within our liturgies on November 2. Our hope is to craft a unique expression for each liturgy that will have a unified focus, but will be appropriate to those who gather – more information will be forthcoming.

In closing I will quote once more from prayer D, "grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Paul, Saint Martin, and all the saints *and faithful* who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord."² Amen.

The Rev'd T.J. Freeman SMMS



¹ *Book of Common Prayer* pg. 375.

² *Ibid.*

Worship

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5, 4 p.m., *Front Lawn**



From kittens to chickens, guppies to puppies, our clergy will be blessing all pets, great and plush. Join us for a brief service and blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Tucker Hall for bad weather.*

Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*

On Wednesday is an intimate weekday service often observing the Lesser Feasts of the day.

Thursday Morning Prayer

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., *Chapel of the Cross*

Join us for lay-led morning prayer on Thursdays in the Chapel of the Cross.

Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays, 9 a.m., *Brooks Room*

Join the preacher on deck for our weekly Bible Study, when we will take a closer look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m.



Recognizing the loss and grief so many of us carry privately, St. Paul's will hold its annual Service of Remembrance to honor those whose deaths have touched our parish family this past year.

We will hold our loved ones and one another in God's presence through gentle music, prayer, readings, and a candle-lighting ritual. All are welcome to attend.

Call for Baptisms - All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 2, during festive worship

services for All Saints' Sunday.

Holy Baptism is a joyful and sacred moment when we welcome new members into Christ's Body, the Church. It's a time for our entire congregation to pledge their support to the newly baptized as they begin their journey of faith. If you or your child is interested in being baptized, please email the Rev'd T.J. Freeman: TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org



Outreach

GCC Action for Pretrial Justice: Cleveland Municipal Court Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m., *Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Ave., Cleveland*

Elections have consequences—let's use our influence for justice! "Off-year" elections don't get as much attention, but their outcomes have a huge impact on our local community. Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) is hosting a forum to meet the candidates for Cleveland Municipal Court and push for changes to this powerful institution.



GCC's goal is to establish an effective, centralized booking system which can more quickly process persons arrested for criminal offenses, bring them before a judge, and release them to await trial or establish a reasonable bond.

At least five candidates will be present to share how they see this issue, goals for their candidacy, and what can be done to ensure justice for all. The Action will take place at Antioch Baptist Church. Email Rev. Patricia for carpooling info: PRose@StPaulsCLE.org. For sign up info, email Julie Micheletti: MichelettiJulie@gmail.com.

Outreach

ODA Annual Benefit Clambake

Saturday, October 11, 5:30 – 9 p.m.
Cleveland Rowing Foundation, 1003 British St.

Join Open Doors Academy (ODA) for its fourth annual benefit fundraiser. ODA began as an outreach initiative at St. Paul's over 30 years ago. It is now a thriving non-profit with programs at 19 sites across Ohio.

We continue our support of ODA's mission as a sponsor of its largest fundraiser of the year. It features a riverfront clambake dinner, open bar, music, and presentation of their Luminary Award.

Reserved tickets: \$225.
Strolling tickets: \$150.

Learn more and get your tickets:
OpenDoorsAcademy.org/Clambake

Music and Arts

David was instrumental in the push to expand our carillon in 2023 from 25 bells to 47. Because of David's vision and drive, St. Paul's now enjoys a 47-bell concert carillon which has enabled a Summer Carillon Festival with regional guest performers. In fact, our carillon is named in honor of David.

At its September 2025 meeting, the Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's voted to name David Carillonneur Emeritus as he will continue to guide us and advise us on all matters carillon. Thank you, David, for your love of music and for your obvious love of St. Paul's.

On Sunday, October 19, during the 11:15 a.m. service, we will recognize David publicly. After the service, please gather in the Courtyard to greet and thank David, while listening to the instrument that David has literally loved into existence.

Senior Choir Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m.

The Senior Choir sings Evensong with music by Latvian composer Ēriks Ešņvalds and a world premiere of *Responses* by Kevin Jones, written in the style of Ešņvalds. Kevin Jones conducts, Rees Taylor Roberts is the organist, and the anthem is accompanied by tuned water glasses.



Premiere: Kevin Jones *Preces and Responses after Ešņvalds*
Ēriks Ešņvalds *Merton Service*
Ešņvalds *Stars*

Livestream: StPaulsCLE.org/live

Polyphony

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
(Doors open 7 - 7:30 p.m.)

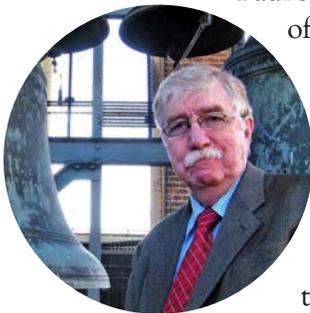
The 16-voice choral ensemble from the United Kingdom presents its only midwestern concert at St. Paul's as part of its 2025 US Tour.



Music and Arts

Carillonneur David H. Osburn to Retire

David Osburn has been the Carillonneur at St. Paul's since 1990. After 35 years of climbing 150+ stairs (each way!) to the playing chamber of the St. Paul's carillon, David is retiring from active playing. David has welcomed us to St. Paul's each Sunday morning for these past 35 years and has offered post-service concerts at Christmas, Easter, and on countless other occasions. David's parents were married by St. Paul's Rector Ted Evans in 1940. He was baptized at St. Paul's in 1943. His mother Ruth was Parish Secretary at St. Christopher's by-the-river in Gates Mills and headed the nursery school there for 30 years. David played the eight-bell chime there before it became a 23-bell carillon. He studied organ at St. Paul's with Walter Blodgett, later with Marilyn Mason at University of Michigan where he also studied carillon with Percival Price. He is an active member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America (GCNA).



Music and Arts

Encore magazine recently declared them “possibly the best small professional chorus in the world.” The group and their founder/conductor Stephen Layton offer us a world tour of choral masterpieces, with music from England, France, Germany, Estonia, and the United States. Not to be missed!



Buy Tickets

Tickets are required. General admission is \$25. Student tickets are only \$10 (*bring student ID*). Remember to use coupon code *STUDENT* at checkout to have the discount applied.

Buy tickets online:
StPaulsCLE.org/polyphony

Great Performances – The Complete Choral Works of Maurice Duruflé
Sunday, November 2, 4 p.m.



The Senior Choir of St. Paul’s presents the complete choral works of French 20th-century composer Maurice Duruflé. Included are the Four Motets on Gregorian Themes, the *Notre-Père*, the rarely heard *Messe ‘cum júbilo’* for male choir, and the beloved and mystically transparent *Requiem*.

The concert features Artist-in-Residence Todd Wilson as organist. Kevin Jones conducts.

Vestry Nominations

St. Paul’s Vestry: Accepting Nominations

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting applications for new vestry members beginning terms in 2026. Vestry terms are typically three years. If you would like to nominate a member of the parish, please complete this form: TinyURL.com/2026-vestry-form

Send completed forms to Susan Quill, Senior Warden:
PlanetQuill@Gmail.com

Applications close November 21. New vestry members will be sworn in at the annual meeting (January 2026).

Children & Youth

The Village Trunk-o-Treat

Saturday, October 25, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

St. James parking lot

All families with babies through third graders (and older siblings) are invited for some Halloween fun! Come in costume for trunk-or-treating, decorate your car (supplies provided), and collect plenty of candy. Please bring a bag of treats to share.



RSVP to Susan Armstrong at
SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org

Totalchaos is Planting an Orchard!

Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Lorain

Fourth through sixth graders are invited to support the urban farm at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Lorain by planting trees that will feed the community for years. This will be a joyful wrap-up to our St. Francis & Creation project, something lasting and special!

RSVP: TinyURL.com/25-youth-rsvp

Save the Date! C.A.S.T. Fall Musical

Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15

C.A.S.T is pleased to present, “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” for our Fall Musical! More information and ticket sales coming soon!

For more information, contact Susan Armstrong at
SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org.

Fellowship

Parish Photo Directory Updates

Thank you to everyone who has signed up, dropped in, or otherwise had your portrait taken for our new parish photo directory! We are so glad these sessions have been "painless," "the easiest headshots I've ever had," and "fun" (*actual quotes from St. Paul's parishioners*)! We hope to have your selected photo retouched and available for printing, downloading, or gifting by the end of October (*just in time for Christmas*). A printed Parish Photo Directory will be sent to each household before the holidays. More information to come.

Nearly all of our timeslots are full, but if you haven't had your household's portrait taken, it's not too late! **Please email Kirsten to give us a head's up**, then plan to "drop-in" to the O'Hear Room (*which is attached to the Reception or Bride's Room*) during the following hours:

Thursday, October 2: 10 a.m. - noon, or 3 - 7 p.m.*

Friday, October 3: 3 - 5 p.m.

If you signed up, we will make sure your seating is finished within the timeslot you chose. Please feel free to arrive a little early—these casual, no-pressure sessions often only take five to ten minutes, so we'll keep everyone moving along!

**If you are going to choir practice on Thursday, please arrive a half hour or hour before rehearsal so we can make sure you're there on time!*

Guess Who's Coming to Tapas

Saturday, October 18 - Friday, November 7
by Kirsten Radivoyevitch

Participating in a small-group gathering is a wonderful way to build or strengthen relationships as well as deepen personal connections. This fall, we are organizing an adults-only, small-group opportunity: "Guess Who's Coming to Tapas."

In this model, no one (except me) knows who the hosts are and who is on the guest list. Each host has already determined a unique

date and time for a gathering to take place at their home. Each guest selects which dinner location and date is best for them to attend.

The names of neither hosts nor guests are revealed before the event takes place. The menu is also a mystery, as the hosts will provide drinks and dessert. Each guest is asked to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre or hearty dish to share.

Reserve your spot once you determine which of the dates is best for you. You will receive the exact address by email the morning of your event. **Sign up soon - each dinner has a limited number of seats available!** Get ready to be surprised during this fun fellowship opportunity! See dates and sign up via the QR code or [TinyURL.com/tapas 2025](https://TinyURL.com/tapas2025)

An Evening of Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

On the patio at EDWINS, 12383 Cedar Rd.

Please join the women of St. Paul's for an evening of fellowship, friendship, and renewal. Come as you are or bring a friend or neighbor. The menu includes assorted cheeses, charcuterie, and crudités, mini chicken paillard with dijon aioli and herbed goat cheese, and stuffed mushrooms.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person. Gratuity is included in the cost. Cash bar available. *Your presence matters most. If cost would keep you from attending, please email Pam O'Halloran: POhalloran@StPaulsCLE.org. Assistance is gladly offered. Arrival after the Service of Remembrance is encouraged.*

Register by Tuesday, October 21:
[TinyURL.com/2025 womens-fellowship](https://TinyURL.com/2025womens-fellowship)



Tapas RSVP



Women's Fellowship



Formation

Invite, Welcome, Connect - Mary Parmer
Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5



Guided by the gospel of abundant love, *Invite, Welcome, Connect* is a set of tools and practices that equips and empowers individuals and congregations to joyful practices of hospitality and connectedness. This will be a

great opportunity for all parishioners to learn creative ways to welcome others to St. Paul's and to increase the sense of belonging here for all.

Mary Parmer, the developer of this system, has taught about these valuable practices in over 70 Episcopal dioceses, as well as in seminaries, universities, and in Canada.

Mary will present a half-day workshop on Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Tucker Hall. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m.



Workshop
RSVP

We appreciate your RSVP for the workshop so we can plan appropriately:

[TinyURL.com/parmer-wksp](https://tinyurl.com/parmer-wksp)

Mary will also preach at all three services on Sunday, October 5, and present at The Forum at 10:10 a.m.

Introduction to Centering Prayer
Saturday, October 18, 10 - 1 p.m., *Tucker Hall*



Centering Prayer is a contemplative practice that restores us and grounds us in ways we deeply need. The practice is a grace filled antidote to living in an anxious world. It opens our hearts to the calming, yet revitalizing experience of resting

in God, leading to personal transformation.

Practitioners are affected not only as we practice, but in our daily lives. Save the date for a simple

and practical introduction to this ancient art. The workshop will be led by John Fousek and Patricia Romanovich, instructors trained through Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. Follow-up practice sessions will be offered for those interested. For more information, contact Rev. Patricia: PRose@StPaulsCLE.org



Centering
Prayer

The Forum: Choir Pilgrimage
Sunday, October 19, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*

The Choir's UK Pilgrimage this summer was fabulous and its many gifts live on in the choir. Learn first-hand about the tremendous joys and blessings, including some insights on Belonging, that the choir brought home from their incredible, life-changing journey. *Presented by Kevin Jones and members of the Senior Choir.*

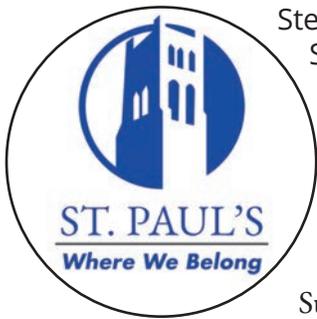


The Forum: Beyond the Welcome Mat
Sunday, October 26, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*

We will play a fast-paced board game to gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities we each have in creating a sense of welcome and connection at St. Paul's. Will your group be the first to progress their player from the first step to the last? Let's find out together! *Presented by Kirsten Radivoyevitch.*



Stewardship



Stewardship 2026 Kick-Off
Sunday, October 12

In anticipation of our Stewardship Kick Off, here are two frequently asked questions about "stewardship." Watch the

Sunday Notes, E-News, our website, your mailbox, and displays

around the church for more information and pledging updates from St. Paul's 2026 Annual Fund Campaign!

Q: What is the Stewardship Campaign?

A: It is the organized effort by church leadership to invite the financial commitment of parishioners, which will support the works of the church in the coming year.

Q. Why does the church ask us for a pledge vs. just offering gifts?

A. There are two answers to this question:

It takes a lot to run the church and support all its many programs and ministries. 80% of the funds needed to make this happen come from parishioners. By offering a pledge in the fall, parish leaders are better equipped to budget responsibly for the year ahead.

Also, pledging is an expression of our faith, an opportunity to show our gratitude to God for gifting us with life, love, family, and community. By making a pledge of financial support, we communicate our priorities. We are giving of our "first fruits" rather than of what is left over.

Save the Date: Commitment Sunday Sunday, November 9, 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.

November 9 is Commitment Sunday when we come together to celebrate our Belonging as the body of Christ and the community of St. Paul's, and offer our commitments of time, talent and treasure to support the church in the coming year. Services will be at 7:45 and 10 a.m. with celebratory meals to follow. Volunteers are invited to bring a dish to share.

Diocese of Ohio

You're Invited to Diocesan Convention!
Friday, Nov. 14 – Saturday, Nov. 15
Greystone Event Center, Wooster, OH

Convention is for everyone! This gathering will be a source of inspiration that deepens our connections with each other, embodying the core values of faith and service that the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio exemplifies and holds dear. Come ready to engage, connect, and enjoy the collaborative and uplifting experience that awaits us all!

Registration is open through October 16. Learn more about the event on the Diocese of Ohio website: DOhio.org



Save the Date: Women's Retreat
Friday, Nov. 21 - Saturday, Nov. 22
Bellwether Farms

All women are invited to join Episcopal Church Women (ECW) for a retreat filled with fellowship, quiet reflection, meditation, learning, and spiritual awareness. Whether you come seeking connection, renewal, or simply a peaceful pause—just come.

You're encouraged to stay beyond the program for an unstructured Saturday evening and Sunday morning brunch with Morning Prayer. Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss this time apart in a beautiful, restful setting. More info and registration will be shared in E-News.

Please Note

Important November Dates

Sunday, Nov. 16: Herb Sale; Jazz Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 23: Choral Eucharist with Mozart Mass, 11:15 a.m. service

Sunday, Nov. 23: Heights Chamber Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Eucharist

Thursday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 28: Church closed

Sunday, Nov. 30: All Things Advent