

St. Paul's opens our doors and our hearts to guests who choose to participate in the life, worship, and work of our church. If we can be of help to you in any way, please call us at 412.486.7006.

DIVERSE CHURCH: DIVERSE WORSHIP

We invite you to find the worship style that helps you engage with God!
Holy Communion is shared on the first weekend of the month at all services.

Saturday@6 - Wesley Hall

Sunday worship

Communion@8:30 - Sanctuary

Grace Cafe@9:30 - George Crooks Dining Area

Classic@10:30 - Sanctuary

Modern@10:30 - Fellowship Hall

WAILING WALL PRAYERS

Throughout Lent we will be placing prayer requests in our "wailing walls." As with the wall in Jerusalem, this is a space to mourn what is lost and pray for restoration. These confidential prayers will remain untouched in the wall until Easter morning.

POETRY OF LENT

Please stop by the Communication Centers to pick up Mary Oliver's *Poetry of Lent* devotional booklet. Each Sunday there is inspiring poetry and meditation for the week.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 18. DONATIONS TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM FUND AND FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS ARE DUE ON MARCH 26.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

[Holy Thursday, March 29](#)

Holy Thursday reenactment of the Seder Supper. Come at 6:30 pm to learn about the Seder Supper traditions, enjoy matzo ball soup and celebrate communion around tables in George Crooks Dining Area.

[Good Friday, March 30](#)

Good Friday services will be at noon and 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and meditate on the Scriptures describing Christ's last hours.

[Easter Saturday, March 31](#)

Casual worship at 6 pm will celebrate Easter in Wesley Hall.

[Easter Sunday, April 1](#)

- 6:30 am Sunrise Worship at Mt. Royal Cemetery
- 8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion in Sanctuary with Brass Ensemble
- 9:15 am Worship for Families and Children in Fellowship Hall with Lifeboat Praise Band
- 10:30 am Worship with classic music (Choirs, String Quartets, and Brass Ensemble)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS ON SALE

Stop in the Ministry Center after worship to purchase dinner tickets for No Mission Impossible Club's Palm Sunday Easter Egg Extravaganza. Tickets are \$9/adult; \$5/child; \$25/family. Tickets can also be purchased in the Church Office weekdays.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for all the children's summer ministries is now available online at www.stpaulsumc.com>**Children's Ministries>Summer Programs**. Please register early as space in each of the summer camps is limited.

Here are the dates:

Kidz Venture: June 18-August 10

CAT Camp: June 18-22

Preschool Day Camp: June 25-29

Kindergarten Prep: July 9-13

Vacation Bible School: July 16-20

YOUTH MINISTRIES

SPENSER FLOWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Spenser Flowers Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide annual, one-time scholarships to assist with expenses for college, university (undergrad or grad school) or trade school to any youth member or youth who participates in church senior high youth activities at St. Paul's. The scholarship for 2018-2019 will be \$2,000.

Applications must be submitted at <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/spenser-scholarship-fund> by March 31.

Questions - contact Tami Weisner or Tina Flowers.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Parents, grandparents, and guardians – get equipped for the challenges of raising your kids! Our third workshop in the series will be at 9:15 am this Sunday morning, March 18 - 8 Building Blocks to Raise Good Kids. Drop your student off at his/her Sunday morning class and come learn alongside other adults. All adults are welcome to participate!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Always ... Patsy Cline

Presented by St. Paul's Players and Music Ministry

Friday, April 13 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 14 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Starring Laura Roth and Joyce Hoellein

\$15 Adults; \$5 Students

Tickets available in Wesley Hall following worship, in the Church Office weekdays,

or online at www.stpaulsumc.com

CALLING ALL SINGERS

The Wesleyan Choir warmly welcomes singers for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and/or Easter. Many of our regular singers will be traveling so extra voices would be greatly appreciated for these. If you are able to help, please come to rehearsal(s) Wednesday, March 21 and/or 28. For more information or to pick up the music early, please contact Tom Taylor (j.thomas.taylor@gmail.com; 412.417.8283). Thank you!

ADULT MINISTRIES

LOADED POTATO BAR TO BENEFIT NHCO

North Hills Community Outreach is having a Loaded Potato Bar this Friday, March 16, 4:30 to 7 pm, at St. Paul's. Get ready for St. Patrick's Day by enjoying a Lenten-friendly, vegetarian-friendly and gluten-free friendly meal. Dinner includes a baked potato or a sweet potato, multiple toppings, dessert provided by local bakeries, and a drink. A limited number of "to go" containers will be available. Cost is "pay as you are able." All proceeds support NHCO's 20+ programs that assist thousands of local families in need.

RUTH CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 21 - 10:00 am
Susanna Wesley Room

THURSDAY DINNER

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship at our Thursday dinner in George Crooks Dining Area, 5:00-6:00 pm. This week: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad bar, dessert, and beverage. \$10/adults; \$5/children 10 and younger.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES RALLY

Members of the Social Justice Team will be traveling together into downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 24, to take part in the local "March for our Lives" rally. These rallies, which are being organized by the students from Parkland, FL, will be taking place in over 500 locations around the country and in other parts of the world. If you would like to join us, contact Kate Neville at glennandkate@verizon.net.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Paul's UMC Volunteers in Mission
Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) 9:00 am - 11:00 am
George Crooks Dining Area
Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Juice; sugar-free syrup available
Free-will Offering
Support our local projects and work camps
Teachers - bring your class. Talk to Glenn Smith or Dick Rishel about reserving a table for your class.

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

Palm Sunday, March 25

3:30 pm Games & activities for all age with Easter Egg Hunt for children

5:00 pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Live Owl Show in the Sanctuary

All activities are free. Tickets must be purchased for the dinner.

Available after worship or in the Church Office weekdays.

\$9/adults; \$5/children 10 and under; \$25/family

VIM WORK CAMP: MAY 14-18, PITTSBURGH

Plan to become a part of Volunteers in Mission 2018 work camp. We are breaking from tradition in 2018 and will hold our work camp in Pittsburgh, working with a local organization doing home repairs in the Pittsburgh area. If you have always wanted to participate in our work camps, but wanted to sleep in your own bed at night, then this is your opportunity. You can volunteer for as many days as you wish. Plan to attend our informational meeting on Monday, March 26, 7 pm, in the New Horizons Room of St. Paul's UMC. Contact Glenn Smith or Dick Rishel for more details.

ATTENTION QUILTERS

Prayers & Squares is offering classes for interested quilters. They will be held April 5, 12, and 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the New Horizons Room. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES.** Contact Sandy Sheraw for more information and to register for the classes. Deadline to register is April 3.

ADULT & CHILD FIRST AID TRAINING & CPR

A First Aid Training Certification Class will be offered on April 11, 2018 from 9:30 am -11:30 am in Wesley Hall/Narthex Area and on April 23, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm in Wesley Hall Rooms and Wesley Hall. The certification cost is \$40.00 for a 2-year certification. Please e-mail esoza@stpaulsumc.com with any questions and also to confirm your attendance. Be sure to include which date you prefer.

TO SEE THEE MORE CLEARLY

Can you imagine daily life without the gift of clear vision? 95% of the people at the Nyadire UM Mission in Zimbabwe have never had any help with their vision. You can help the St. Paul's Mission Team by donating no longer used eyeglasses, by following the Lenten Calendar, or by simply making a one-time donation. Please see the display in Wesley Hall for more information.

FOOD PANTRY URGENT NEEDS

Canned Potatoes and Canned Fruit

Toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, and bar soap are always needed and appreciated.

Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the Ministry Center.

ST. PAUL'S UMC YARD SALE 2018

Plans are underway for our 2018 Yard Sale. Sale dates are June 1 and 2. Please start saving your treasures!

For more information, please call Carol Radi.

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

If you shop at Giant Eagle, purchase gift cards in the Ministry Center after worship or in the Church Office during the week. Available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Use the same as cash.

St. Paul's receives five cents per dollar purchased.

CARE NOTES

Available at the Welcome Center and Ministry Center on a variety of topics: grief, illness, depression, etc.
Pick one up for yourself or a friend in need.

PRAYER QUILTS

Our Prayers and Squares Ministry provides quilts for any person in physical, emotional, or spiritual crisis who feels they can benefit from being "covered in prayer." A heavy thread is stitched through quilt layers and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for the person in need. These quilts are a statement of faith and a testimony to our belief in God and the power of prayer. Information about this ministry and quilt request forms are available in the Communication Centers.