



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

June 15, 2014

Trinity Sunday

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From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Genesis 1:1-2:49, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, and the Matthew 28:16-20.

Now that Sunday School is over for the summer there will be a Godly Play storytime for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k - 2nd. Older children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is an excellent time for the older children to attend church and learn the format of the whole service. This week's Godly Play story is Paul's Discovery. This story focuses on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul's life is presented in seven "snap shots" depicting the most important events and places of his journey, meant to be read out loud as we still do today in church. Melinda Rucinski is our storyteller and Carol Goslee is our Doorkeeper. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

Regular Wednesday evening Youth Group is on hiatus for the summer. The youth plan to meet occasionally during the summer for field trips.

Our youth head out this morning for their Mission Trip to Franklin, Pa. We will attend a send off service at Christ Church, Kent, one of the churches we are partnering with on this trip along with Church of Our Savior, Akron, St. Matthew's Brecksville, St. Timothy's, Macedonia and Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. Please keep us and the people whom we will help in your prayers.

Collect for Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



☯ Sunday Schedule ☯

9:00am - Nursery opens
9:45am - Godly Play Choir (during the school year)
10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)
6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*
11:45am - Youth Choir (during the school year)

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary - (Pre-k - 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd - 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul's on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS Honor Your Teen's Natural Abilities and Limitations

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ""Recognizing your teen's temperament allows you to step back from our culture's narrow definition of success and see your child in her splendid uniqueness.

Letting your child relax into her true nature does not mean that you abandon your parental duties to protect, guide, and inspire. For example, you don't say, "Clearly an explorer/inventor/true poet/refined soul like you must feel trapped by the dull duties of everyday life, so blow off all your homework, skip your chores, catch the next bus out of town, and go seek creative fulfillment!" Nor do you say, "Because of your learning differences and sensitivity and very, very special needs, you are excused from the work the rest of us have to do." Instead, you balance your child's obligations with opportunities that match his ever-changing, emerging self. Allow your organized, slightly bossy child to quit chess club if he hates it, and let him take up the job of stage manager for the next choir production if that's where his heart lies. Don't confine your physically adventurous child indoors all weekend to study; let him ride a mountain bike or play paintball in the woods.

Honoring your child's temperament is an expression of *bitachon*. Our children belong to God and are made in God's image. Faith means believing that God doesn't make flawed merchandise. It means trusting that your child's innate attributes are proper and appropriate for them, that they are sufficient even for an uncertain future.""

Meditation

O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
~Psalm 8

Happy Birthday...

Nathan Demers 06/19
Hannah Rucinski 06/21



Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 15

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Storytime and activities, Grades Pre-k -3rd ,10 am,
- Children and Youth grades 3rd and up attend church with their parents
- Youth Group leaves 8:30 this morning for Mission Trip to Franklin, PA

Sunday, June 22

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Storytime and activities, Grades Pre-k - 3rd, 10 am
- Children and youth Grades 3rd and up attend church with their parents
- Youth Group returns this afternoon from their Mission Trip

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Acolyte Reminders!

June 15: Jessica Syme, Julia Syme,
Nick Coyle

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.