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This Week at St. Paul's January 15– January 21

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If you haven't already, please take a moment to take the Congregational Survey you can click the link below to fill it out here or you can find paper copies in the church next to the bulletins. You do not need a gmail account to fill out the electronic version and you can remain anonymous.

[Congregational Survey Click Here!](#)

"From the Office Chair"

A few things to note:

– Please remember that if the local schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church office will be closed as well. I will send out an email to the congregation if that occurs.

– Next week (January 15th) I will not be in the office as my husband will be undergoing a procedure. I will have my computer and will be able to answer emails while I am gone.

Thank you everyone!!

–Sierra

Monday was the holiday celebrating the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. It is a day that "slips up" on us, coming so quickly after the huge rush of the holidays. Here is an article explaining how this holiday came to be. Congressman John Lewis encouraged an effort to make this holiday a "day on, not a day off", a day set aside to assist the community. I wonder if anyone at St. Paul's would have an interest in helping us find a community project for next year in which we can all participate?

Here is an article about the Holiday: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/15-year-battle-martin-luther-king-jr-day>

Happening this Week

Monday 1/15:

Office Closed

2-5:30pm: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

Tuesday 1/16:

2-6:45: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

2-6:45pm: String Lessons *Church*

Wednesday 1/17:

Office Closed

2-5pm: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

5-6:30pm: Tai Chi *Chapel*

2-6:30pm: String Lessons *Church*

7pm: Choir Practice *Church*

Thursday 1/18:

2-6:15: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

Friday 1/19:

Office Closed

1-3pm: Wisdom Circle *Chapel*

Sunday 1/21:

10am: Choir Practice *Church*

10:30-12pm: Holy Eucharist *Church*

Vestry Meeting following the service

10:30-1:30pm: Quakers *Library/J2A*

3pm: Viola Recital *Chapel (more info below)*

6:30pm: Strings Recital *Chapel*

7-9pm: ACOA *Library*

Our Covenant Group/MST is launching into a survey on Church History. We will be watching and discussing two PBS Videos and discussing them and then doing deep dives into a few interesting periods of Church History.

To compliment this study, open it to all of us, and have some fun this Winter, Marna will be screening Dermaid McCulloch's *A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*. This is a series of six videos, each an hour long. The dates for screening are January 30th, February 13th, February 27th, March 12th, April 9th, and April 23rd. Screening will happen downstairs in the Great Room and Popcorn will be provided

Congregational Survey

We are continuing to encourage our members to complete the survey that has been emailed to you, or by filling out one of the paper copies available near the bulletins. If you have a paper copy, you can give it to any Vestry member. We are reviewing the responses that come in and holding group discussions in the hope of understanding the vision that you have regarding our church. We will be holding these discussions again on Sunday, January 28 following the service, and on Wednesday, January 31 at 4:30 prior to the Community Meal. Your thoughts are important to us.

Stewardship Thoughts

Why pledge?

We spend a lot of time thinking and talking about why we give, less about why we pledge. And disclaimer – this is not the result of some scholarly study or survey, these are simply some of the thoughts going around in my (Charlie's) head. So –

1) We pledge so that the church has a rough idea of what financial resources it will have available through the year. Suppose we all gave our yearly offering in the first month. The next 11 would be a pretty big surprise!

There is debate among stewardship people as to whether we should build the budget and then ask people to pledge to cover it, or ask people to pledge and then build a budget out of that amount, or simply build a budget that reflects what we think God is calling us to be and do in the coming year and trust that the resources will be there. Where would you be most comfortable among those choices?

2) pledging helps us be thoughtful and intentional about our giving. What percentage of what we have or receive does it feel right and good to give, and to whom? The Bible talks about giving 10% – does that feel right and good for us? There was a story about a gentleman who would put \$5 in the offering plate when he was a visitor in a church, figuring that would about cover “his share” of the work of that congregation for that week. Well, we all know what happens – \$5 doesn't buy you a hamburger and fries anymore. Pledging helps us be thoughtful and intentional about how much we give and to whom.

3) pledging helps us track how well we are keeping up with our intentions through the year. It's trite (but true) during these weeks to note the New Year's Resolutions left in the dust behind us. When we get to March or June or September, what we have pledged compared to what we have given helps us track how we are doing at living out our intentions.

Certainly circumstances change and giving amounts can end up being more or less than pledged amounts. No big deal! But these are some of the reasons pledging is helpful for the church and for ourselves. (And yes, you can make a pledge to St Paul's Church anytime. Fill out a card and put it in the box, or simply email your intention to stpaulschurch201@gmail.com)

Think Scrip!

A smaller congregation at St. Paul's has led to a smaller participation in the scrip program. This program has contributed over \$10,000 to St. Paul's during the last 11 years and we would like to continue to give financial support. But we need your help to make this happen! Please "Think Scrip" when you are purchasing groceries, gas, gifts and eating at restaurants.

Questions?

Call Ann Smith at 906 249-9389 or Barb Carpenter at 906 362-3875

Dear Friends,

We are trying to finalize the schedule for the next session of Formation for All, which will focus on Church History. Since many of us have Wednesday obligations during Lent, we are looking at Tuesdays and Thursdays for this session. If you are interested in attending these sessions, please complete the following survey so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. If you have further questions, please let me know.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNWYYVS>

We would appreciate your responses be in by the end of the day on Wednesday January 17 (tomorrow!) so that we can finalize the schedule asap. Many thanks!

peace

Brad Pickens



Viola Recital

by Interlochen & Julliard graduate

Jay Julio

with Nancy Zimmerman, piano

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024

3 pm

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Free - donations accepted

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VIOLA MASTER CLASS

with Youth Concerto Winner – JAY JULIO

Friday, January 19, 2024

3 pm

Reynolds Recital Hall - NMU

Concerto #2 – 3rd movement

F. Seitz

Dominic Camilli

Old French Dances #1 L'Agreable

M. Marais

Kaytlin Roell

Gavotte from Mignon

A. Thomas

Lucas Deiter

Concerto in D minor

A. Vivaldi

Sam Uchtyl

Sonata in A minor "Arpeggione"

F. Schubert

Cambry Marquardson

Concerto in B minor

G. F. Handel/Casadesus

Elena Henry

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