

This Season at SPR

St. Paul & the Redeemer Episcopal Church | SPRING 2017

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DISMANTLING RACISM | THE AGE OF TRUMP | LENT SMALL GROUPS | SERVICE | AND MORE

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All Are Welcome by Sieger Köder

Dear People of St. Paul & the Redeemer,

In Luke 15, Jesus was accused of welcoming sinners and eating with them. To defend himself, Jesus tells about the prodigal son. In that great story about the abundance of God, the father welcomes the younger, profligate son home with a great feast and tells the older, diligent but disgusted son, "all that is mine is yours." Jesus practiced that kind of radical hospitality. The vision of St. Paul & the Redeemer is to become a community that mirrors that way of living.

SPR lives out that audacious vision in many ways. We welcome everyone, regardless of their social position, race, sexual orientation or gender identification, no matter where they are on the journey of faith, to feast with us at God's table. We sing music that brings glory to God by being spiritually nurturing, aesthetically beautiful, and affirming of cultural diversity. We welcome children into full participation in our liturgy and serve their families through Christian formation and building of meaningful community. We invite adults – young and old – to worship in ancient and innovative ways and to build a nurturing and justice-minded community. And we seek to engage our broader neighborhood through service, solidarity, and the sharing of our riches.

Your incredible generosity in pledging your financial support to the Capital Campaign means that we will this year make the building accessible with an elevator and better ramps, dramatically improve the Parish Hall and Byllesby Room where we meet to make community, fix lingering building problems while focusing on sustainability, and pay to build walls on our partner church in Haiti. Thank you. Thank you. Attending to our physical Church in this way opens amazing possibilities for ministry. And I sense there is a real desire among you to engage in important work.

I know many of you have real interest in taking practical steps to be a more anti-racist parish and to take that understanding out into our community. I know there is excitement to think and pray and learn together about how to be Christians in contemporary America. I hope there will be real energy to invite more intentionally, welcome more blatantly, and connect more thoroughly. And, as there has been for almost 160 years, there will be good preaching and beautiful music as we praise God each Sunday morning. I am excited for this community, for those who have worshiped here for decades and for those just arriving.

With gratitude for you all,

Peter Lane

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**BUILDING
OUR FUTURE**
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & BUILDING PROJECT



Success!

Thank You

145 households pledged **\$1,419,459** to the Capital Campaign, surpassing our initial goal of \$1.2 million. The extra funds will allow us not to just complete the project, but to complete it well. \$513,000 has been given so far.

The Process *an abbreviated tour of how we got here*

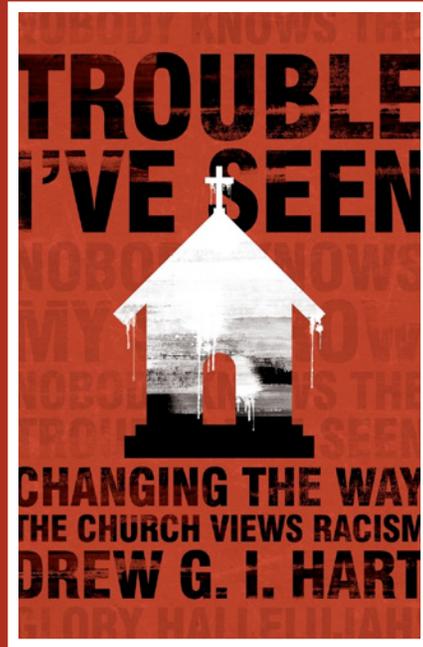
In August of 2014, the Vestry took a tour of the building to become acquainted with pressing needs. Vestry members followed-up by contacting leaders in all ministries asking about their needs for the building. That information was taken to the selected architects for ideas and drawings. On April 10, 2016 those initial ideas and the reasoning behind them were presented to the parish and feedback was sought. 96 surveys were filled out and 28 households were interviewed in person. After attending the meetings and reviewing all feedback from the surveys and interviews, our consultant suggested that we could raise between \$1.15 and \$1.4 million. The Vestry & Campaign Leadership came back with new plans and asked for additional parish feedback at meetings on July 24. Advanced Gifts were sought over the summer. A joyous party kicked off the campaign proper on October 22. Hard work from many volunteers helped bring in the 145 pledges. And during this time, the plans were again revised based on additional community feedback and engineering studies of the building.

The Project *a summary – go to SP-R.ORG/CAPITAL for more details*

- Accessibility:** to make sure all are welcome without exception, we will install an elevator that connects all three floors. We will build new accessible ramps on both sides of the building.
- Hospitality:** to make spaces that are attractive and conducive for connecting lives of parishioners and community groups, we will gut-rehab the parish hall and refurbish the Byllesby room and the Nursery.
- Renewal:** to ensure the safety and soundness of the building, we will update the ungrounded, 1950s-era electrical systems, repair the rotting wood around the colored windows in the sanctuary, and tuck-point.
- Sustainability:** to become better stewards of the earth and our resources, we will replace old windows & inefficient AC units, add insulation, remove asbestos, and install LED lighting.
- Solidarity:** to support the world's vulnerable, we will invest resources in a dedicated food pantry space in our building and will pay for walls to be built at St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti.

Next Steps

- PLANS** We expect completed architectural plans to be delivered in early February.
- BIDS** Our architectural firm, Bauer Latoza Studios, will lead the bidding process.
- LOAN** A revolving line of credit from Hyde Park Bank will be used to pay costs up-front. The loan will be repaid as payments on pledges are received.
- CONSTRUCTION** We hope construction will begin when the weather warms.
- PLEDGE PAYMENT** Pledges should be paid before December 2019. Any money that can be given early in the process allows us to borrow less and pay less interest.



Race and the Church

A SUNDAY MORNING READING GROUP

WHAT?

Join Peter Lane, Bruce Plummer, and Dan Puchalla in a discussion of Drew G.I. Hart's excellent book on racism and its impact on the church, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*.

WHEN?

We will meet three times during Adult Formation at 10:20 on February 5, 12, and 19.

HOW?

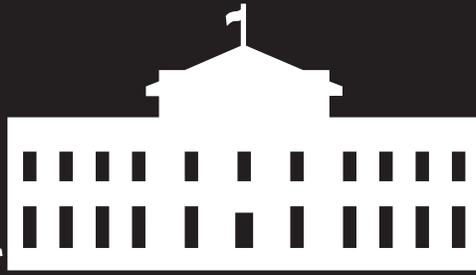
Sign up in the Narthex and mark whether you will order your own book or want SPR to order one for you.

Please read

Chapters 1 and 2 before February 5

Chapters 3 and 4 before February 12

Chapters 5 and 6 before February 19



CITIZENSHIP — IN THE AGE OF — TRUMP

How should Christians live in the world?
How can we understand the important issues influencing our country?

Hear from some of our parishioners
who will bring their expertise to bear on these questions:



MARCH 5
The Need for Virtue in Politics

William Howell
Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics,
University of Chicago



MARCH 26
The Future of Jobs

Ravin Jesuthasan
Managing Director & Global Practice Leader
for Talent Management, Willis Towers Watson



MARCH 12
Our Citizenship in Heaven

Cherith Fee Nordling
Associate Professor of Theology,
Northern Seminary



APRIL 2
Engaging Community
on the South Side

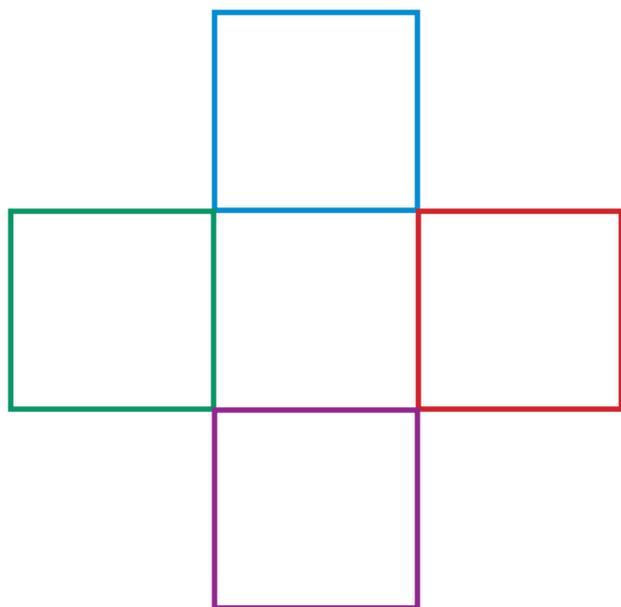
Wendy Williams
Executive Director,
South East Chicago Commission



MARCH 19
Rural America

Vincent Johnson
Photographer and Documentarian

Come on these Sundays at 10:20.



Lent

small groups

What Are Small Groups?

Small Groups are about going deeper — going deeper in our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. Small Groups meet once a week for a set period, usually 5 to 8 weeks, to tackle a big topic by engaging with pieces of scripture, theology, literature, and art, as well as by drawing on personal experiences. By the end of a Small Group series, folks have grown in their understanding and have forged meaningful relationships with people they might not otherwise get to know.

Why Join a Small Group for Lent?

Lent is the season of preparation for the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter, when we are absorbed into the story of his final days, death, and resurrection. Holy Week and Easter are the pinnacle of the church's year. That makes Lent a good time to dig into some element of a faithful life.

This year, we offer a potpourri of such elements for you to choose — take a look at the next page!

Sign up at church or go to SP-R.ORG/SMALL-GROUPS

But before you sign up, please make sure you can attend every session of your chosen group.

SPR and Antiracism

Leaders: Peter Lane and Bruce Plummer
Time: Sundays (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2) | 12:30–2:00p
Place: SPR, Byllesby Room

We will go more in-depth into Drew Hart's book *Trouble I've Seen*, understand more of SPR's own history, and come up with a proposal for the Vestry of one positive step we could take internally and one positive action we could do externally.

Prerequisite: All participants must have read the book in advance.

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen — and Listen So Kids Will Talk

Leader: Monte Tugwete
Time: Sundays (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2) | 12:30–2:00p
Place: SPR, Chapel

Discuss Adele Farber and Elaine Mazlish's thoughtful book with the goal of understanding our relationship with our children better and also getting to know other parents better.

For parents of children under 12.

Common Problems, Common Prayer

Leader: Dan Puchalla
Time: Mondays (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3) | 7:00p–8:30p
Place: SPR, Byllesby Room

The Book of Common Prayer is the core of our worship and prayer life in the Episcopal Church. In this group, we will explore how we can use this book to deal with some common problems of life: health, conflict, money, loneliness, and the future. This is a great group for those who want an intro to the Book of Common Prayer, those who seek a stronger prayer life, and/or those who are looking for resources for getting through life.

JS Bach's St. Matthew Passion a spiritual, theological, musical exploration

Leader: Christian Clough
Time: Mondays (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3) | 7:00p–8:30p
Place: Christian's Home in north Andersonville

In this 500th-anniversary year of the start of the Protestant Reformation, join Christian for a guided meditation on one of the greatest monuments of music in so many categories — liturgical, dramatic, Baroque, Protestant — by arguably the greatest composer and musical theologian who ever blessed humanity and the spheres with his creative beauty and genius.

The Art of Caring Conversations

Leader: Dan Puchalla
Time: Tuesdays (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4) | 7:30p–9:00p
Place: SPR, Byllesby Room

Caring for one another is an indispensable part of being a church community. But often we don't know what to say when someone shares bad news with us. Or we struggle to push past a polite "How are you?" In this group, Dan will share some of the tools and concepts pastors are taught for being meaningfully and confidently present to others.

Healing Prayer in the Life of the Church

Leader: Vinita Wright
Time: Wednesdays (3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5) | 7:30p–9:00p
Place: SPR, Byllesby Room

Explore the interweaving of need, prayer, community, and the growth of faith. Join Vinita Wright, who is an SPR parishioner, editor at Loyola Press, and author of several books on spirituality, prayer, and companionship.

Liturgy and Liberation

Leader: Kenji Kuramitsu, Seminary Intern
Time: Thursdays (3/9, 3/16, 3/22, 3/30, 4/6) | 7:30p–9:00p
Place: SPR, Chapel

How do we represent God in our worship, and what prophetic possibilities might our worship have at this crucial time? In this small group, we will explore questions of prayer and liturgy as they relate to race, gender, and power. We'll explore some non-Western liturgical and theological traditions. And we'll get a chance to create our own liturgies of lament and promise.

SPR 101: A Class for Newcomers

Leaders: Peter Lane and Ellen Wiggins
Time: Thursdays (3/9, 3/16, 3/22, 3/30, 4/6) | 7:30p–9:00p
Place: SPR, Byllesby Room

Are you new to SPR? Want to know how to join this church, or to figure out if you do? Come learn what makes this church tick with Peter Lane, our Rector, and Ellen Wiggins, a former Warden. (In this class, you'll find out what a Rector and Warden are.) Plus, make some new friends by getting to know other folks new to the church.



Praising God

Music Updates and Upcoming Big Days

Join the Choristers

3rd Grade and Up

This choir for older children and youths provides musical training through the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life Program. Choristers lead our music at the 9:15 liturgy with the Adult Choir every Sunday.

REHEARSALS:

Thursdays 6:00-7:45p in the St. Cecilia Rm downstairs.

Sundays at 8:15a in the St. Cecilia Rm downstairs.

HOW TO JOIN:

Contact Christian Clough,
Director of Music:
cmc@sp-r.org | (773) 624-3185 x223

TRIP TO ST. LOUIS!

The Choristers will take their third annual singing trip during the last weekend in April. This year, we're going to Holy Communion Episcopal Church in University City, Missouri. We connected with them last year to discuss ways we might collaborate, then later learned that the Olliffs are now worshipping there.

Join the St. Nicholas Choir

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

This choir provides a solid foundation for the youngest singers to learn both the skills and a love for singing beautiful music. The St. Nicholas Choir sings at the 9:15a liturgy about once every three Sundays.

PERFORMANCE DAYS:

Jan 29
Feb 19
Mar 1 (Ash Wednesday)
Mar 19
Apr 13 (Maundy Thursday)
Apr 16 (Easter Sunday)
May 14
Jun 4 (Pentecost Sunday)

GET STARTED:

Contact Gretchen Eng,
Children's Music Assistant:
gre@sp-r.org | (773) 450-0304



Mendelssohn KEYBOARD WORKS series

Feb 5 | iii. Allegro moderato from Sonate II, Op. 65, No. 2
Christian Clough, piano

Feb 12 | Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 11
Christian Clough, organ

Feb 19 | from "Songs without Words", Op.19, No. 3
Alasdair Greenland, piano

Mar 5 | Nocturne from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, arr. for piano, 4 hands
Clara Soh-Hyun Christensen and Thomas Christensen, piano

Mar 12 | i. Con moto maestoso from Sonate III in A major, Op. 65, No. 3
(based on Luther's chorale "Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir")
Christian Clough, piano

Join the 9:15 or 11:15 Adult Choir

Singing in an adult choir is one of the most rewarding experiences available at SPR:

- ▶ You get in-depth understanding of our music and liturgy.
- ▶ You are expertly supported as you stretch and improve your musical skills.
- ▶ You provide an invaluable service to your fellow parishioners.
- ▶ You join a warm community of fun-loving, hard-working fellow parishioners.

REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

9:15 CHOIR: **Thursdays | 7:00-8:45p** in the St. Cecilia Rm.
Sundays | 8:15a in the St. Cecilia Rm downstairs.

11:15 CHOIR: **Alternating Tuesdays | 7:00-9:30p** in the St. Cecilia Rm.
Sundays | 10:20a in the Chapel, then Sanctuary.

GET STARTED

Contact Christian Clough, Director of Music: cmc@sp-r.org | (773) 624-3185 x223



CARNIVAL

February 26

SUNDAY

What Is it?

Carnival Sunday is SPR's celebration of the last Sunday before Lent. Lent is the 40 days of fasting preceding Easter.

Why Celebrate It?

We believe earthly things like delicious food are good and made by God for our enjoyment. On Carnival Sunday, we affirm this belief by getting in one last day of enjoyment before our Lenten fast begins.

How Will We Celebrate It?



Mass in Blue by Will Todd

The SPR Choirs bring back this excellent and popular work, a jazzy rendition of the classical form of the Mass. (This year we'll add the *Credo*, the last major movement not presented in prior years.)



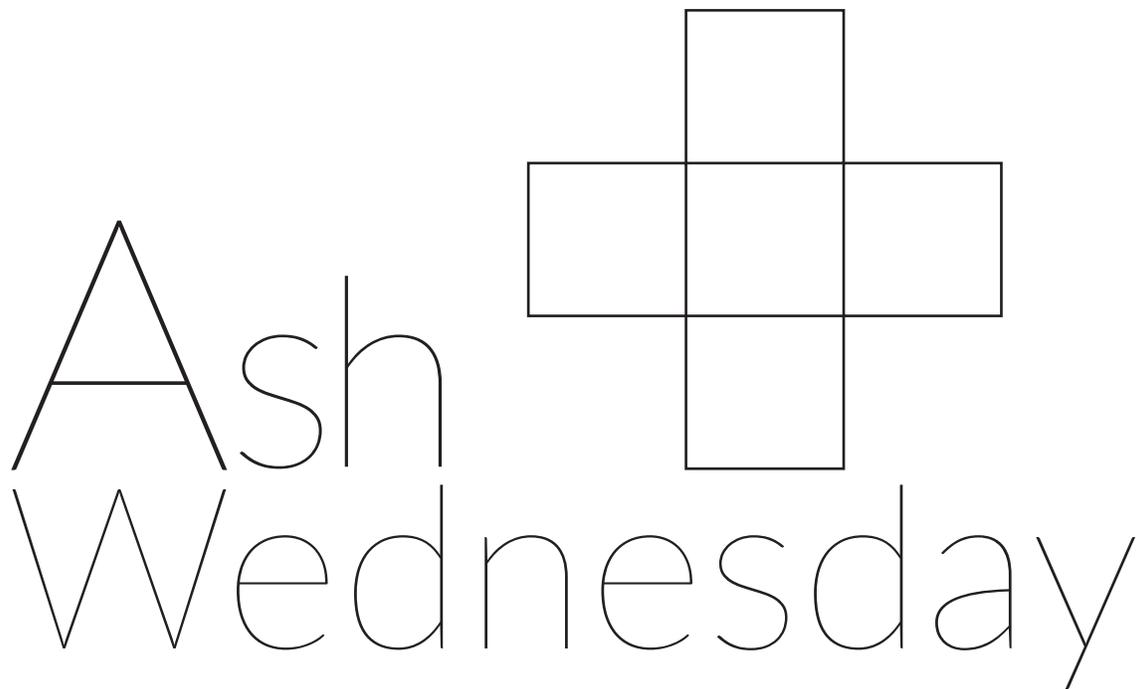
New Orleans Feast

Chef, parishioner, and New Orleans native Mark Serice will treat us to some of his favorite Big Easy dishes.



Haitian Art

To remember and celebrate our Haitian partners' great tradition of Carnival, we'll have pieces of art from Haiti on display.



What Is It?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of preparing for Easter. This preparation traditionally includes practices like fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and prayer. (At SPR, we encourage you to join a Small Group. See pages 8–9.)

Ash Wednesday gets us going on our Lenten preparation. It's a day when we acknowledge to God our wrongdoing – what we have done, what we have failed to do, and all the evils done on our behalf. That also makes it a day of being reassured of God's love and desire to help us overcome the ways we mistreat each other.

Finally, it's a day when we also remind ourselves that we are not God: we are created, imperfect, and mortal. That's the purpose of the ashes, to remember that we have come from and we will return to the dust of the earth.

5:00p Family-friendly Service

Children (and parents!) learn how palms are turned into ashes and about the symbols and stories of Lent. The St. Nicholas Choir and the Choristers will lead the music. After the service, enjoy a simple and kid-friendly soup supper with buttered noodles and bread.

7:30p Choral Eucharist

Stirring music, ancient ritual, and reflective preaching to begin your Lenten journey to Easter. Featuring the absolutely stunning *Miserere mei* by Gregorio Allegri sung by our adult choirs.

give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit
psalm 51.13



those

mighty

acts

Palm Sunday
April 9

8:00, 9:15, 11:15
Big procession with bagpipes
at 9:15 and 11:15

Maundy Thursday
April 13

5:00 pm | Family Friendly Service & Supper
7:00 pm | Service & Supper



Good Friday

April 14

11:00 am | Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm | Good Friday Service
7:30 pm | Good Friday Service with choir

Easter Vigil

April 15

9:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 16

8:00 | 9:15 | 11:15

Feasts after each service.
Brass and full choirs at 9:15 and 11:15

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life...
Book of Common Prayer, 270

Tutor at Shoemsmith

Our partners at Shoemsmith Elementary School need tutors for students in kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade. Volunteers will read a short book with a student, help them write and/or draw based on what they liked best about the book, and play a game or puzzle before taking the student back to class.

Volunteers are needed for a 5-6 week commitment Jan 24 to Feb 28, Mar 7 to Apr 4, and Apr 18 to May 23. You'll get a brief orientation before beginning.

Get Started:

Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com)
or Megg Hoover (margarethoover@hotmail.com)



Donate Your Old Instruments for St. Patrick's

Along with the school lunch program, SPR helps to ensure the children of St. Patrick's School in Tom Gateau, Haiti have access to a vibrant music education. The students are currently in need of band instruments, especially flutes, clarinets, saxophones, a tuba, and percussion. If you are willing to make a donation, contact Kim Hart: kimahart@att.net | (773) 947-6775

WELCOMING REFUGEES

Last year, St. Paul & the Redeemer partnered with RefugeeOne to help resettle a refugee family, the Thangs, in their new life in the U.S. We provided home furnishings, a stocked pantry, and months of one-on-one mentorship.

We will be doing so again for a new family this year!

Get Started

Sign up for how you would like to help by going to SP-R.ORG/REFUGEES

Questions?

Contact Bob Bator: rbator@aol.com

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
refugeeONE



OneEarth Film Festival

Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00p

SPR is co-sponsoring with the SouthEastChicago Commission a discussion and screening of the film *Can You Dig This*, which follows the inspirational journeys of four unlikely gardeners in South Los Angeles, discovering what happens when they put their hands in the soil. This is not a story of science and economics. This is a story of the human spirit, inspiring people everywhere to pick up their shovels and plant something.

Food Garden



Food Garden Celebrations

EARTH DAY, WORK DAY

Saturday, Apr 22 | 9:00-11:00a

Come take part in our first major work day to get our Food Garden up and running for the season. We'll also have drinks and treats to celebrate! Come any time between 9:00 and 11:00.

Sunday, Apr 30 | 9:15 & 11:15

We'll recognize and give thanks for our Garden volunteers in the services. And we'll have some gardening activities for all.

The SPR Food Pantry

Providing emergency food assistance to our neighbors. Here are ways to participate:

BRING FOOD AND SUPPLIES

On any Sunday morning, bring one item or a whole bag of nonperishable items or toiletries. Go to sp-r.org/food-pantry for a list of recommended items.

ORDER FOOD AND SUPPLIES

Trouble remembering to get items during the week? No problem. You can place orders with Amazon or Peapod and have them delivered directly to SPR during the week. Amazon even offers a subscription service so you only have to create your order once and it will be delivered as frequently as you like. If you want help setting this up, contact Dan Puchalla: dap@sp-r.org

HELP WITH STOCKING ON SUNDAYS

A faithful crew of parishioners do the important work of organizing each week's donations on Sundays 12:30-1:00p. You can help. Just come to the Food Pantry closet in the Narthex at that time.

HELP WITH DISTRIBUTION

We distribute the food every Wednesday 3:30-5:30p. Help with this process is always appreciated. Come to the Sanctuary at that time or contact Shirley Knight for more info: shirleyk4@yahoo.com | (773) 220-7982.

Open Kitchen

Once a month, SPR's Open Kitchen crew cooks up the meal to be served at the Kenwood Open Kitchen, a central part of a decades-old interfaith hunger program in this neighborhood housed at the Kenwood United Church of Christ. About 200 of our neighbors who are hungry are fed at Open Kitchen every week.

Here are ways to participate:

CHOPPERS AND COOKS

Come downstairs to the Kitchen at on any of these Sundays. All skills levels welcome.

February 19 | 12:30p

March 16 | 12:30p

April 16 | 1:30p

May 14 | 12:30p

June 18 | 11:30a

SHOPPERS

We need folks to purchase the ingredients before each cooking day. Full reimbursement available.

DELIVERERS

We need folks to deliver the soup on the Monday morning after each cooking day. Access to a car and ability to lift heavy vats of soup required.

GET STARTED

To be a Shopper or Deliverer, contact Fran Spaltro: pambasilea@gmail.com

To help with the chopping and cooking, just come to the Kitchen on a cooking day.





Children's Formation



Get to Know Your Godly Play Team

Sara Bigger has been doorperson and storyteller in the PreK/K Godly Play class since 2011, and loves interacting with the 3-5 year old children in this youngest Godly Play classroom. Her most memorable experience this fall was listening to the conversation that followed one 3 year old child exclaiming, "I don't know what would happen if my parents died!" Among the responses: "I know! Who would make the pasta?" This spring she looks forward to telling the stories about the mystery of Easter, and hearing the children tell her about what's awesome in springtime.



Cynthia Bagrowski serves in the PreK/K room as doorperson and occasional storyteller. She has been a Godly Play team member since January 2016. She loves experiencing the stories through the perspective of the children. This age group is earnest, curious, and playful, and she is so happy to witness their wonderings! She is looking forward to discovering the parables with the children this spring.



George Arceneaux is a storyteller and door person for 1st and 2nd grade. He started Godly Play last year and has found it to be humbling and fulfilling. Godly Play's sacred space for wondering about Biblical stories makes him more mindful to wondering about God's presence in the midst of his own work as a hospice chaplain. In this current season of Godly Play, he hopes to grow and revel in relationship with the children and teammates.



Lindsey Strieter has been a doorperson for 1st and 2nd grade since September 2016. She loves seeing how eager the kids are when they arrive at the door, as well as listening to the kids and how they make connections to the Bible stories. She feels blessed to be a part of Godly Play and looks forward to more.



Kate Fitzkappes has been a doorperson for all of the grades over the past two years. She feels inspired every time she participates in Godly Play. She feels a deep sense of gratitude for the many people who are so dedicated to the program at SPR, from which it is clear that the benefits to all of the participants is fruitful.



Amanda Ruch is in her second year as doorperson and storyteller in the 3rd-5th grade room. Her oldest children, Ann and Elias, are in the PreK/K room. They are quickly becoming Godly Play experts, as they listen to stories at home to help her practice. She was an elementary school teacher, and now works on math curriculum and supports math teachers in Chicago Public Schools. She learns so much from children and is inspired by their curiosity, energy, and unpredictable wonderings.



Nate Bakkum is excited to be continuing with the Godly Play team this spring. His children, Alice (8) and Owen (6) have enthusiastically participated in Godly Play throughout their time at SPR (his 2-year-old son, Davis, eagerly awaits his chance to join the crew in a couple years), and he looks forward to exploring, questioning, and wondering with the children of SPR. After a fall focused on Old Testament stories of the People of God, Nate is excited to spend some time on the life of Jesus and his teachings. In his professional life, he is a musician and educator, currently working as a musicology professor at Columbia College Chicago.



Monte Tugwete is our Director of Children's Formation, as well as a storyteller and doorperson for all Godly Play rooms. He has been involved in Godly Play since September 2015. He loves telling stories that illumines God in kids' lives, and he finds it an awesome thing to wait on them, to greet them, and to welcome them to GP. The time of wondering in Godly Play always blows his mind each Sunday that he serves because there is so much potential in every kid. He plans to be inspired this spring at GP with the parables and the stories for Easter.



Kenji Kuramitsu is our seminary intern. He looks forward to the opportunity to play and learn with and from this SPR's children. Being raised in Roman Catholic and evangelical traditions, he comes from very catechetical and memorizing-biblical-verses Sunday school backgrounds. He is very eager to see more collaborative and imaginative ways of working with our church's children in faithful formation.



Teagan Bigger is the youngest member of the team. We are excited to have her come in and be part of the team especially, with her extended knowledge of the stories that were part of her formation as a child at SPR. This is a unique story of one turning back and giving back to a program that helped form them, and we are looking forward to having more youth join the team and give it strength through diversity of ages.

What is Godly Play?

For 3 Year-olds to 5th Grade

Children are spiritual. They have incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning out of the biblical stories they hear. This is the foundation for Godly Play, our Christian formation program for children on Sundays.

In Godly Play, we teach children the art of using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action. These are tools for them to articulate and wonder about the relationship they already have with God.

Come and See

Parents new to SPR and/or Godly Play are invited to come visit with your child. Please talk to Monte Tugwete for more information: mt@sp-r.org

Winter/Spring Lineup

We picked up where we left off before Christmas with some Liturgical Action Stories:

1. The Epiphany
2. Holy Baptism

We will finish off this series after Easter Sunday:

3. The Mystery of Easter
4. The Faces of Easter
5. The Synagogue and the Upper Room
6. Easter Egg Hunt

Since Easter comes late this year, we will tell Parables after Epiphany just before we start the Easter schedule and then resume the Parables after Easter. Some of the parables to expect are

1. The Good Shepherd
2. The Good Samaritan
3. The Great Pearl
4. The Sower
5. The Leaven
6. The Mustard Seed
7. The Parable of Parables

Vacation Bible Camp

Save the dates! Vacation Bible Camp will be Jul 31 – Aug 4.

Registration will open after Easter.



Youth Programs

Youth Formation and Youth Group

Youth Formation

6th to 12th Grade

In Youth Formation, we gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We have pondered questions like "Is God Male?", "Did God write the Bible?", and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?" Occasionally, we will join the Adult Formation when it features a special lecture series, and we always follow the curriculum of the wider church's small groups when they occur. Come to formation this Lent for a writing workshop on our own personal statements of faith.

TIME: Sunday mornings, 10:20-11:05

GET STARTED: No registration is required – just show up on Sundays when you can make it. Youth Formation takes place in the Youth Room.

Youth Group

6th to 12th Grade

Youth Group meets weekly on Sundays during the program year, typically from 5-7PM. We usually spend three of the four weeks each month at the church, with the fourth at an offsite community-building trip like a Sox game or a hiking outing. Each night begins with dinner, often made by parent volunteers. Look out for our monthly @SPRYouth Newsletter at the Welcome Table or outside the youth room for that month's schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE:

- Jan 29** **BYOBG Night (Bring Your Own Board Game Night!)**
Bring your favorite board game tonight to play!
- Feb 5** **Super Bowl Sunday**
Come cheer on your favorite team as we discuss materialism and God while we critique the ads!
- Feb 12** **Protest Signs and Jelly Beans**
Come tonight to hear from our SPR intern, Kenji Kuramitsu!
- Feb 18-19** **Ski Retreat to Wisconsin**
Ski or play board games in the lodge; come for fellowship and fun. Registration required! Sign up for the retreat at SP-R.ORG/YOUTH
- Feb 26** **Oscar Night**
Come at a later time tonight (7:30) to watch the Oscars and reflect on God and Hollywood.
- Mar 5** **Religion and Science Outing to Adler Planetarium**
Come this afternoon to learn from our resident astrophysicist, Dan Giles, at the Adler!
- Mar 13** **Food Garden Work Day**
Join us in the morning to work in the SPR food garden and learn a bit about this ministry's work in the surrounding communities.
- May 27** **Starved Rock Hiking Trip**
Join us in our annual hiking trip to the Starved Rock park. Picnic lunch provided.

MISSION TRIP 2017

Last year, Youth Group's first summer mission trip (at least the first in a good long while) was a great success as the Youth learned about and worked with others in issues of food justice in Pittsburgh, PA. A mission trip for 2017 is in the works!

Stay tuned!

Adult Volunteers

We have lots of opportunities to volunteer with youth. If you want to help lead formation on Sunday mornings, lend some of your Sunday nights to youth group small group leadership, chaperone an outing, make dinner for youth group, or pray for a youth group member throughout the year, contact Addie to get connected: acd@sp-r.org

BIG thanks to our current volunteers: Andrew Rostan, Kenji Kuramitsu, George Arceneaux, Lydia Gajdel, Dan Giles, Gina Sterk, Hannah Adegoke, Mary Naftzger, and all the parents who make dinner for Youth Group (who are printed in the bulletin each week).

Liturgical Formation

Acolytes (a.k.a. altar servers) are the clergy's assistants at the 9:15, leading our processions and helping set the Communion table. Being an acolyte is a great way for youth to learn about what we do on Sundays and the meaning behind it.

GET STARTED:

Contact Dan Puchalla,
Associate Rector
dap@sp-r.org | (773) 624-3185 x226

Points of Contact

Youth Leader

Addie Domske
acd@sp-r.org | (724) 971-6952
Please use my email to contact me with any youth related info. Should you need me immediately, text my personal cell number above.

Online

 sp-r.org/youth

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Monthly Newsletters

Each will have topics for the month's youth events. Pick it up in the Narthex or at SP-R.ORG/YOUTH.

Women's Group

All women are welcome to come for snacks and conversation. Usually meets the third Saturday of the month. Next meeting is Saturday, Feb 17, 3:00-5:00p in the Byllesby Room.
Contact: Anne Harlan:
harlanferlo@gmail.com

Yoga Classes

Integrate spirit and body with parishioner and yogi Sharla Stewart.

Mondays, 9:00-10:00a (resumes Sep 12)

Fridays, 9:00-10:00a

Classes meet in the Chapel.

For fees and info, contact Sharla Stewart:
sharla.a.stewart@gmail.com

Fiber Arts

Everyone interested in knitting, crocheting, or other fiber arts is invited to be part of this group. Usually meets the second Sunday of the month.

Contact: Rosemary Gooden:
rdgooden@earthlink.net

Arts Committee

Join other creative minds in planning art shows for our Chapel. Next meeting is Sunday, Sep 11, 11:30a, in the Chapel.

For more information, contact Jim Wright:
jimphotoguy1@gmail.com

Upcoming Shows:

Jan-Feb: The Green Team

Photography of Val Tongsgard of Shoemith students gardening

Mar-Apr: All-Parish Art Show

Submissions welcome on the theme of SPR's mission goals: Praise God, Invite All, Serve Neighbor, Nurture Faith, Connect Lives

May-Jun: Plein Air

Art of Carolyn Peirera and Ruth Woll

Jul-Aug: Chicago Photos

Photography of Jim Wright

Sept-Oct Bird Photos

Photography of Tom Irving

Let's get deep. Let's dish.

LET'S DEEP Dish

If you're in your 20s or 30s

you're invited to come tackle three different deep topics together in guided conversations while eating deep-dish pizza (plus salad, with vegetarian and gluten-free pizzas available)

Why Am I Going to Church?

Friday, Feb 10 | 6:00p

Led by Dan Puchalla

How Do I Make a Real Living?

Friday, Mar 10 | 6:00p

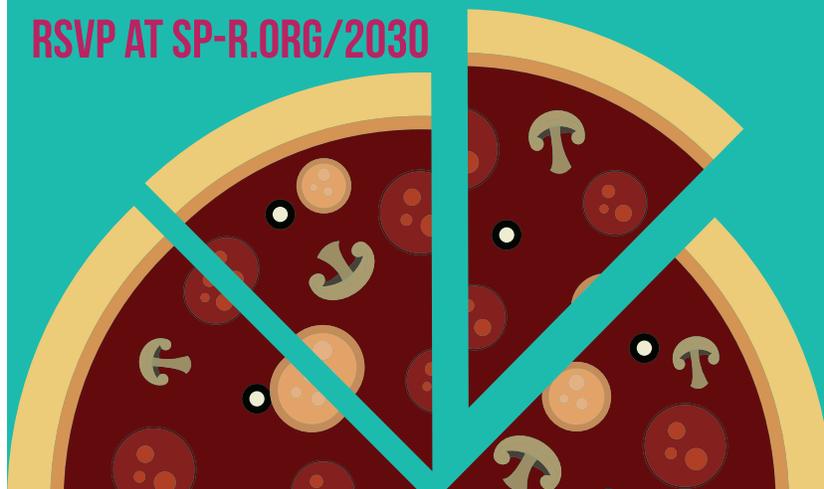
Led by Christian Clough

Where Did All My Friends Go?

Friday, Mar 31 | 6:00p

Led by Kerstin Wellbery

RSVP AT SP-R.ORG/2030



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OUTINGS

CONNECT LIVES / BUILD NEIGHBORS

Outings are about spending time with fellow SPR parishioners outside of church by exploring the city around us. Each Outing is led by Dan Puchalla.



Cook County Jail

SATURDAY, FEB 4 | 2:00P

FULL

So, cool story: one day Dan found himself talking with Kara Smith, chief policy officer for the Cook County Jail, and she offered to take church folks on tours of the Jail to raise awareness of what happens there and the reform efforts underway.

If you're interested in how criminal justice reform is taking shape in this oft neglected yet critical piece of the system, you won't want to miss this opportunity to tour the jail and to hear from Kara about the work she and the Sherrif Dart's staff are doing.

Fee: None.

Ages: 18+

Accessibility: contact Dan to inquire about accessibility (dap@sp-r.org)



Stony Island Arts Bank

SATURDAY, FEB 25 | 2:00P

The Arts Bank is project of the Rebuild Foundation, created by celebrated artist Theaster Gates, who is also Director of Arts + Public Life for the University of Chicago. Rebuild support artists and strengthen communities by providing free arts programming, creating new cultural amenities, and developing affordable housing, studio, and live-work space. The Arts Bank is a hybrid gallery, media archive, library and community center – and a home for Rebuild's archives and collections.

Fee: \$10 for tour fee

Ages: All ages welcome.

Accessibility: contact Dan to inquire about accessibility (dap@sp-r.org)

SIGN UP for outings at

sp-r.org/outings

Questions? Email Dan Puchalla: dap@sp-r.org



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