

February 2017

African Heritage featured throughout February at St. Paul's

As the centerpieces for St. Paul's African Heritage Month there will be four Adult Formation sessions featuring guests from the community and two parishioners. All the sessions will be held in the Community Room and begin at 9AM. Also, a Festive Potluck Luncheon is planned.



❖ February 5 – **Cathy Simpson** and **Kenneth Bernoska** will discuss prominent African-American historical figures, highlighting both local and national individuals.



❖ February 12 – **Jim and Sarah Gramentine** will discuss a connection they discovered between a platoon of black soldiers and a US President. Come for *Built by Buffalo Soldiers While Fighting Apaches*.



❖ February 19 - We look forward to *Art by Artists of the African Diaspora* with **Kantara Souffrant**; she is the Milwaukee Art Museum Manager of School and Teacher Programs.



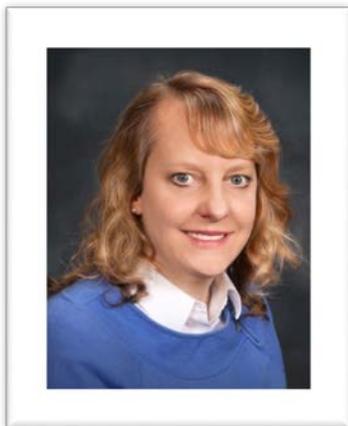
❖ February 26 – **Khalif Rainey**, 7th District Alderman, will discuss his experiences as a recently elected city official for his district, which includes Sherman Park.

The Festive Potluck Luncheon will be held in the Great Hall on February 26, following the 10:15AM Eucharist. All parishioners are invited to bring dishes influenced by African recipes, if possible. Many really good ones can be found on the internet.



Many thanks to **Cathy Simpson**, **Ugo Okoro**, **Flo Dukes** and **Theresa Castor** for their contributions with assembling our lineup of speakers and coordinating of the luncheon.





The Gathering...an overview

from Kathee Phillipson, Gathering Champion

The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin is one of the many charitable organizations that St. Paul's Church supports. St. Paul's has been helping The Gathering since the program's incep-

tion in 1982: 34 years. This ministry has been an integral component of St. Paul's mission and helps fill an important need in our community.

The main aspect of The Gathering's mission is The Community Meal Program. Through this program, The Gathering prepares and serves 80,000-90,000 free home-cooked meals annually across four Milwaukee locations. The Gathering also works with other agencies to help provide other services when possible, such as legal aid, medical services, and mental health support. Moreover, The Gathering oversees clothing and personal need items distribution. Ninety-eight percent of direct service work is performed by volunteers.

St. Paul's assists The Gathering in a variety of ways. In addition to financial support to assist with operating costs and other expenses, St. Paul's provides volunteer service.

Several times per year a group of approximately 15 volunteers prepares and serves a Saturday lunch to guests of The Gathering at their downtown location. One St. Paul's member serves as a shopper for The Gathering each quarter, using \$500 to purchase personal needs items for distribution. A new project beginning in 2017 involves the preparation of 200 bag lunches to be given to Gathering guests as they leave the Saturday hot lunch meal. As there is no large-scale meal program on Saturday evening, these bag lunches help provide sustenance to guests until the next large-scale meal on Sunday.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help, either at St. Paul's to assemble bag lunches or at The Gathering's downtown site to prepare and serve a hot meal, can contact **Kathee Phillipson** at katheep@gmail.com or 414-412-6909 for more information. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Information Center. Our dates in 2017 are as follows:

❖ Bag lunch dates (at St. Paul's on Friday late afternoon/early evening): April 28, July 28, September 29, December 29

❖ Hot lunch dates (at The Gathering's downtown site on Saturday 9:45AM-1:30PM); April 1, May 20, September 9, November 4



Deacon's Corner...

In October 2016, I started the Thursday Evening Prayer service. When I first embarked on this journey, I had no idea if it would be successful or not. Will anyone want to come to church on a weekday evening to pray and to learn something about the life of a Holy person or a Saint? To my delight, we have had anywhere from 5-12 parishioners attend these weekly prayer services. I am very blessed to be part of, and be able to serve, the St. Paul's community; it is an honor and a privilege. I thank you all for your love and support.

Deacon Sheila

**The Book Club
will meet at 7PM on
Tuesday, February 7,
to discuss
The Future of Faith
by Harvey Cox**



St. Paul's Church 2017 Adult Formation Hour Schedule:

February through May...Clip and save for future reference

All sessions are held in the Community Room, Sundays, at 9AM

February, *African Heritage Month*

5 – *African-American Historical Figures*: Cathy Simpson and Kenneth Bernoska will discuss prominent African Americans, highlighting persons both at the local and national levels.

12 – *Built by Buffalo Soldiers While Fighting Apaches*: Jim and Sarah Gramentine will discuss the connection between a platoon of African-American soldiers and a US President.

18 – *Art by Artists of the African Diaspora*: Kantara Souffrant is the Milwaukee Art Museum Manager of School and Teacher Programs.

26 – *An Alderman's Perspective on Recent Issues in Sherman Park*: Khalif Rainey, 7th Dist. Alderman, discusses experiences as an elected official responsible for the Sherman Park area.

March

5 – *St. Paul's Outreach to the People of Haiti*: A discussion led by the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project Director Heidi Ropa

12 – *St. Paul's Thrift Shop Style Show*: Fashions on a shoe string modeled by volunteers and members of St. Paul's in the Great Hall during Coffee Hour

19 – Committee Meetings; no classes

26 – *Sacred Cinema: 90 Years, 34 Films, 5 Continents*: Kenneth Bernoska will survey the best cinema with religious themes over the years.

April

2 – *What is St. Paul's "Corporate Culture?"*: John Bauer, PhD, will align St. Paul's corporate culture with its stated mission and vision.

9 – *Exploring the records of the Rev. Benjamin Ackerly, 1845-1852*: Paul Haubrich, PhD, will discuss the detailed records of St. Paul's third rector that picturing early life in Milwaukee.

16 – Committee meetings; no classes

23 – *Sharing our Love with Those Who Find Themselves Alone*: Rev. Henry Perez will discuss the Ministry of St. Paul's through the Racine Hospitality Center.

30 – *What Anglicans in West Africa Do Better than We?*: A visit with Daniel Browne, the son of the former Anglican Archbishop of West Africa (1982-89).

May

7 – *Johann Sebastian Bach's Great Chaconne for Violin*: Ed Filmanowicz, MD, will give a mini-lecture on Bach's spirituality and then will perform the great work.

14 – *Songs My Mother Taught Me*: On Mother's Day, Joanne Filmanowicz will lead a panel of St. Paul members remembering their mothers.

21 – Committee meetings; no classes

28 – *How My Military Service Shaped me as a Citizen*: Mal Soward-Gatford will lead a panel of veterans to reflect with us on Memorial Day weekend.

Each session is one hour long. All are welcome.

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SUNDAYS

8AM, Holy Eucharist

10:15AM,

Holy Eucharist with music

Nursery service available at

10AM

THURSDAY

Evening Prayer, 5PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of faith being transformed through Christ to

embody the

healing presence of God's

love to one another, our city

and the world.

Eucharistic Bread gone wrong

from David Zersen...

I enjoy baking Eucharistic breads for the St. Paul Altar Guild, but this time I got a larger loaf than planned.

As usual I put the kneaded dough in a large plastic bowl to rise, and set it in the oven where no one would bother it. Not long thereafter, **Julie** entered the kitchen and turned the oven up to 425 degrees to preheat it for a pizza. When she opened the oven to put in the pizza, she was shocked to discover a fully baked loaf of bread encased in blue melted plastic!

Thinking she may have experienced a miracle, she quickly called me. I now realized you could bake bread at high heat in 10 minutes!

When the loaf was cooled, the melted plastic bowl easily came off, presenting a loaf that we couldn't throw away. The slices tasted very much like Whole-Wheat Honey Bread, minus the sacramental setting we had come to expect from the grains.

In one sense, it was not a recipe gone wrong so much as a new meaning for Galatians 5:9...A little leaven leavens the whole loaf.

