

YOUR GUIDE TO THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PAUL'S BY-THE-SEA 2016 EDITION

God is blessing St. Paul's by-the-Sea with many opportunities to serve others. This directory is an overview of the ministries YOU can participate in.

All of our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. As we use each of these gifts for God's service we are better able to live out God's desire for us.

We are a parish family with an ever-growing number of persons who share in a wide range of activities. We invite you to participate in the ministries that interest or challenge you. Please prayerfully consider the time you are able to give and the talents you are able to share.

DISCIPLESHIP

VESTRY CONTACT: ANGELA GILBOY / GRETCHEN HENSON

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER (Parish Office, 249-4091)

Watch the Sunday bulletin for topics of upcoming discussions in the Stormes Hall Library on Sundays at 9am.

DISCOVER THE BIBLE (Parish Office, 249-4091)

This Bible study group meets on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Christopher Conference Room.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY

This Bible study group meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Christopher Conference Room.

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW (Mike Borno)

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Episcopal community. Their objective is to spread Christ's kingdom among men through prayer, study, and service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Angela Gilboy)

Children's Sunday School meets weekly at 8:45 a.m. in Stormes Hall. Sunday school is for children in Pre-k through 5th grades.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT (Guy Bond)

Cursillo is a weekend for adults; a faith renewal experience.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (Mary Gayhart)

Daughters of the King is an order for Episcopal women who follow a lifelong program of prayer, service, and personal evangelism dedicated to the establishment of Christ's kingdom.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (Parish Office)

A 4-year course to prepare participants for ministry using readings from the Old and New Testaments, history, and theology.

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD (Alice Pantfoeder)

The Guild provides ministry to families with newborn babies and is a support group for mothers and other women who love to work with children.

NURSERY WORKERS (Fawne Fordenbacher)

This team cares for the infants and toddlers of St. Paul's by-the-Sea during Sunday morning services and special events.

PARISH LIBRARIAN (Trish Smedley)

Maintains and catalogues the books in the Parish Library.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTRY (Gretchen Howe, 686-4768)

Opportunities to work with the youth in mission work.

WORSHIP

VESTRY CONTACT: JAY BRANDON, STEVE CUFFE

ACOLYTES (Anne Wiggins)

Acolytes are trained to assist the clergy in worship on Sundays and feast day services. They may also assist with weddings and funerals.

ALTAR GUILD (Eileen Nimmich)

This group serves by preparing for church services. The Altar Guild works directly with the priests to help the worship life of the parish run smoothly. Duties include preparing the Altar for the Eucharist, cleaning up after the service, and providing care of linens and vestments.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (Angela Gilboy)

Children, pre k-2nd grade, meet on Sundays during the 10am service.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Pat Borno)

Eucharistic ministers are chosen by the clergy and licensed by the Bishop to administer wine during communion.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS (Corky Borders)

Lay Eucharistic Visitors assist the clergy in taking communion to homebound and hospitalized members. The ministers are chosen by the clergy and licensed by the Bishop.

FLOWER GUILD (Julie Anderson)

The Flower Guild arranges the flowers for each service and provides decorations for Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter.

SUB-DEACONS (Bob Hall)

Sub-Deacons or Lay Readers are licensed by the Bishop to conduct services under the direction of the Rector.

LECTORS (Pat Borno)

Lectors read the lessons, Psalms, and prayers at both services.

MUSIC MINISTRIES (Lynne Radcliffe)

CHANCEL CHOIR Practices on Wednesdays at 7pm.

HAND BELL CHOIR Practices on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practices on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.

OFFERING COUNTERS (Mike Coston)

Counters assist on Mondays by counting the Sunday offerings.

PEW MINISTRY (Sid Spurgin)

This team is responsible for the weekly upkeep and organization of the church pews.

USHERS & GREETERS

(Mike Borno, Ronald McVay)

Ushers and greeters work as a welcoming committee, serving at both Sunday services, special services, funerals, and feast days.

VERGER MINISTRY (Mike Borno)

Vergers assist the clergy during memorial and Sunday services, which allows these services to run smoothly.

FELLOWSHIP

VESTRY CONTACT: JAY BRANDON, AMY WATERS

AMAZING GRAYS (Betty Digges)

A fun, on-the-go, ministry for the seniors in our parish.

ART INSTRUCTION CLASS (Vickie Lake)

This class offers individual instruction in all art media on Thursdays at 2pm in the Christopher Conference Room.

BIRTHDAY CARDS (Elsa Cruz)

Birthday cards are sent to each parishioner.

BREAKFAST CREWS (Lawanda Williams)

Sunday morning breakfast follows the 7:30 A.M. service and is prepared and served to the parish by rotating teams.

COFFEE HOUR (Judy Hinton)

Coffee hour, hosted by volunteers, follows the 10 A.M. service with refreshments in the Christopher Lobby.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (Virginia Wood)

The E.C.W. plans fellowship, special events, and service projects.

FOYER GROUPS (Betsy Brown, Ginger Iden)

Foyer Groups are relaxed, friendly dinner groups that meet periodically for food, fellowship, and fun.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM (Bob Hall)

This group prays after both services for healing of body, mind and spirit.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES (Evie Gabrielle)

Incredible Edibles is an annual fundraiser (held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving) offering casseroles, baked goods, soups, desserts, etc., as well as many arts and craft items, gift baskets, and collectibles.

OKTOBERFEST (Ann Brodt)

This annual gala features authentic German food, fresh brewed beer, dancing, and fellowship.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS (Parish Office)

Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering phone calls, making copies, and other various tasks.

PATHFINDERS (Ann Brodt)

A grief support group for those who have experienced a loss and are searching for a new path for their lives.

PRIME (Kristin Brodt)

This is a casual happy hour for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. They meet throughout the year at various homes.

ST. MONICA'S GUILD (Sid Spurgin)

St. Monica's Guild is a women's fellowship group that meets monthly for study, prayer, and refreshments.

MINISTRY

VESTRY CONTACT: LAWANDA WILLIAMS

ANGEL TREE (Martha Milton)

SPBTS families purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for needy families. The families are referred to SPBTS through Episcopal Children Services.

BEACHES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (BEAM)

(Susie Miller)

SPBTS participates with food drives throughout the year and donating clothes for their annual Back to School with BEAM event.

BEACHES EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOARD

(Vestry Rep., Alan Ennis)

This Board works with the school's administration and the Vestry to keep the school and church aware of one another's needs. The Rector and Sr. Warden of SPBTS also serve on this board.

BEACHES FINE ARTS SERIES

(Lynne Radcliffe, Steve Cuffe)

The Beaches Fine Arts Series provides an annual series of outstanding, free, musical events, which are held at St. Paul's by the Sea. Each artist that performs for the series also performs at an educational outreach (at SPBTS) for children in Duval County Schools.

BEACHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Dylan Morgan)

This team aids in the construction of homes for low-income families.

COLD NIGHT SHELTER (Mike Coston)

SPBTS participates in a rotating shelter for the homeless with other area churches. The shelter opens when temperatures and wind chill are in the 30's. The team monitors the shelter, serves supper, breakfast, and prepares bag lunches. Volunteers also make and freeze chili for this ministry.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM (Bob Hall)

This group offers prayers after both services for healing of the body, mind and spirit.

JUSTICE MINISTRY

(Vandon White, Sally Roberts)

Justice Ministry includes participation in ICARE: The Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation, and Empowerment, a coalition of people of faith dedicated to improving the quality of life in Jacksonville.

MEALS ON WHEELS (Ken Nimmich)

Noontime meals are delivered to homebound individuals for one week at intervals of ten weeks.

MEMORIAL RECEPTION MINISTRY (Bev Stuck, Susie Miller)

This ministry provides memorial receptions at no cost to the bereaved.

MISSION HOUSE MEALS (Betsy Brown, Anne Wiggins)

Parishioners prepare and serve supper to the homeless.

PABLO TOWERS (Parish Office 249-4091)

Pablo Towers is a ministry of the Christian Service Corp., a coalition of Beaches churches providing subsidized independent living for the elderly.

PARISH NURSING (Parish Office, 249-4091)

This ministry visits, informs, and provides available resources to parishioners.

TIDINGS - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (Jerri Moats, 249-4091)

This team produces, proofs, and prepares the newsletter for mail out.

EVANGELISM

VESTRY CONTACTS: KEN NIMMICH

NEWCOMER LUNCHEONS (Henny Schoonover)

Luncheons are held periodically to welcome newcomers and help them become active at SPBTS.

WELCOME STATION (Melissa Nelson)

This team staffs the Welcome Station, greeting newcomers before and after services.

STEWARDSHIP

VESTRY CONTACTS: ALAN ENNIS, DYLAN MORGAN

ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

This team leads the emphasis on stewardship - time, talents, & gifts.

LAY WEEDERS & GARDENERS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (Melissa Nelson)

This group keeps the church grounds beautiful. They weed, clip and prune trees, plant new flowers and greenery.

SPBTS FOUNDATION /TREE OF LIFE PLANNED GIVING

(Jim Stuck, Vestry Rep., Kathy Wilson)

The Planned Giving Ministry seeks and encourages donations to the SPBTS Tree of Life Endowment Fund, managed by the SPBTS Foundation. This income is reserved for capital improvements to the church and new ministries.