

St. Paul's presenting Angels

The community is invited to visit St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Sundays of Advent for a celebration of one of the "unseen" parts of God's Creation, the world of angels. Who are these mysterious beings? How do humans perceive and encounter and interact with them? Facilitator Joanne McPortland will draw on Scripture, liturgical texts, theological writing, art, music, and literature to discover more about these heavenly messengers, whose presence is everywhere as we prepare for Christmas.

Advent II: Sunday, Dec. 6—*Dancing on the Head of a Pin: Jewish, Christian and Islamic Angelology*
You can't tell your choirs of angels without a program—and today we'll look at how medieval theologians from various traditions categorized and theorized about angels. We'll also look at the role angels play in the mystical and magical traditions of the three Abrahamic faiths.

Advent III: Sunday, December 13—*The Heavenly Host: Angels in Liturgy, Music and Legend*

Angels' primary reason for being (like ours) is to praise God, so it's no surprise that they're everywhere in our worship, hymnody, prayer, and calendar of saints. Today we'll identify liturgical texts attributed to angels, and add our voices to their perpetual choir of joyful adoration.

Advent IV: Sunday, December 20—*Wings of Desire: Angels in Popular Culture*

It should be apparent by this week that angels have little in common with chubby winged babies or fairy-

like statues, but their comforting presence is everywhere in popular culture, from films to TV shows to pop music and gift-shop tchotchkes. This week we'll look at our desire for angels, as we get ready to hear once again the tidings of great joy they bring.

Each 1-hour session will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Avenue in Oakwood. For more information about this series or other events, please call St. Paul's Episcopal Church at (937) 293-1154, or visit our web site: www.stpauls-dayton.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Joanne K. McPortland has been teaching and writing on the intersection of faith and culture for 40 years. She was the principal curriculum designer and contributing writer for The Bible and Its Influence (BLP 2006), an innovative high school text on the Bible and Western culture, the only text of its kind to be found constitutionally sound for use in public schools. Joanne writes a weekly commentary on the Sunday readings for St. Paul's worship bulletin and web site (www.stpauls-dayton.org).

Oakwood Holiday Food Drive underway

The City of Oakwood Holiday Food Drive continues through Sunday, Dec. 20. Donations will benefit the Food Bank serving Montgomery, Greene and Preble Counties. Collection boxes will be available at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road and the City Building, 30 Park Avenue. Share your blessings with others.

Hanukkah Bazaar Dec. 6 & Dec. 9

The Hanukkah Bazaar at Temple Beth will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors offering unique, hand-made jewelry and gifts as well as Hanukkah ceramic serving pieces, Jewish games for the whole family and gelt, dreidels and candles. There will also be lots of non-Judaica gifts also.

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