

St. Paul's in 2026



God is working with and through the people of our community today!

As our parish celebrates the 200th anniversary of our founding, we give thanks for our members and staff who lead:

Godly Play program for children. Each Sunday our teachers lead an energetic, intelligent, creative group of children, ages 0-10 years old, in the Hadley Chapel.

Sunday Worship. Each Sunday we celebrate the resurrecting power of God's love in our lives. Worship is led and supported by dozens of members, including: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Communion Bread Bakers, Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Guild, Healing Prayer Ministers, Lectors, LiveStream Engineers, Ushers, and those who write the Prayers of the People.

Fellowship. Jesus demonstrated the hospitality and openness of God's love by sharing meals with everyone, including those who had been excluded. We follow his example by inviting everyone to join in fellowship following worship services and funerals and for special events, such as our Bicentennial Dinner!

Adult Formation Programs. The people of St. Paul's join in a variety of in-person and video conference based formation programs, including: Contemplative Prayer, Feminist Theology, Weekly Bible Study, Sunday Fellowship Forum, Retreats, and SPC Readers.

A Tiny Home for Good (ATHFG) partnership. St. Paul's and ATHFG began working together in 2022 with a shared intention to work to end homelessness in Syracuse. In 2025 St. Paul's gave ATHFG long-term use of the second floor of the Parish House. In June of 2026 ATHFG will begin rebuilding the second floor to provide safe, affordable, dignified, stable housing for individuals who have experienced homelessness. The facility on St. Paul's second floor will provide housing for ten senior-age men. Learn more about ATHFG at atinyhomeforgood.org.

The Samaritan Center was founded at St. Paul's as a joint ministry of many congregations. After more than 30 years at St. Paul's, *The Samaritan Center* expanded and moved into the former St. John's Church on North State Street in 2015. St. Paul's continues to send teams of volunteers to serve meals at *The Samaritan Center*.

YMCA Ministry. Several times each year a team of our members invite our neighbors at the YMCA Senior Apartments to join in a time of fellowship.

The Open Pantry was begun during the COVID-19 pandemic, when all of our other ways of serving our neighbors were shut down. *The Open Pantry* has become a community partnership as volunteers from St. Paul's and members of our downtown community take turns restocking the pantry with food and other essentials. More than 20 of our neighbors in need use *The Open Pantry* each day.

Open Doors renovation project. Our members began planning for *Open Doors* in 2014. The \$2.5 million renovation was completed in April of 2026. *Open Doors* included removal of hazardous materials, replacement of all of the roofs of the Parish House, replacement or repairs to more than 80 windows in the Parish House, installation of an elevator to the second floor, creation of a new entrance into the building from the parking lot, rebuilding of the Montgomery St. entrance to make it wheelchair accessible, and doubling the size of the toilet rooms. The **Donor Wall** for *Open Doors*, incorporating artistic and religious motifs from the nave of the building, was created by Margie Hughto and was installed in April.

