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## April 2023



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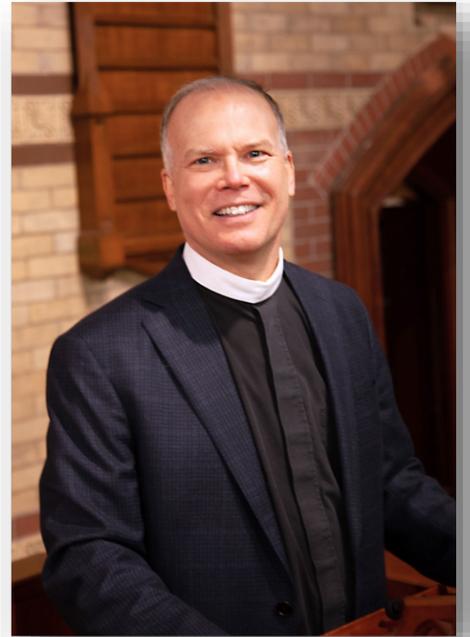
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# Christians, Jews, and Holy Week

—by Fr. Philip

Dear people of St. Paul's,

**T**his year, as we prepare for our Holy Week services, I am especially concerned about the rise of anti-Semitism in America. The number of hate crimes committed against Jews has increased steadily over the past ten years, with roughly three times as many incidents this past year compared with 2012.



There are many things you and I can do to build relationships of trust and understanding with our Jewish sisters and brothers:

- \* We can study scripture carefully. Most books of the Bible have the potential to build strong connections between Jews and Christians.
- \* We can build personal connections with our Jewish neighbors in Syracuse. On March 5th members of a local interfaith group came to St. Paul's to share information about their work building bridges among our Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faith communities. (See page 10.)

We can be more careful in choosing our scripture texts for worship, with sensitivity and awareness about the harmful past uses of Christian scriptures.

This year I am making some changes in the texts we will use for Palm Sunday. My decision is informed by the context for the Gospels. So, for all who are interested, here is some historical background.

Let's begin by remembering that Jesus and almost all of the other characters in the Gospels, were Jewish. Jesus lived in the first decades of the common era (CE). During this time the landscape of Jewish religion in Judea was similar to the landscape of Christianity in America in 2023. There were many diverse Jewish religious groups in Judea during Jesus' lifetime. For this reason, it's not accurate or helpful to talk about 'the Jews' as a homogeneous group of people in the context of scripture.

In the year 66 CE there was a revolt among the Jewish population of Jerusalem. The Roman authorities responded with brutal force, and the conflict continued for four years. In 70 CE the Roman army destroyed the Temple. One of the results was that several of the largest, most established Jewish groups, those most connected with worship in the Temple, suddenly had no place for their religious rituals and practices. The destruction of the Temple was devastating for members of these groups, but also put a great deal of pressure on all of the other Jewish religious groups.

There were at least two Jewish groups whose worship and belief systems were not especially reliant on the Temple: the Pharisees and the 'Christ followers'. Those who circulated stories and

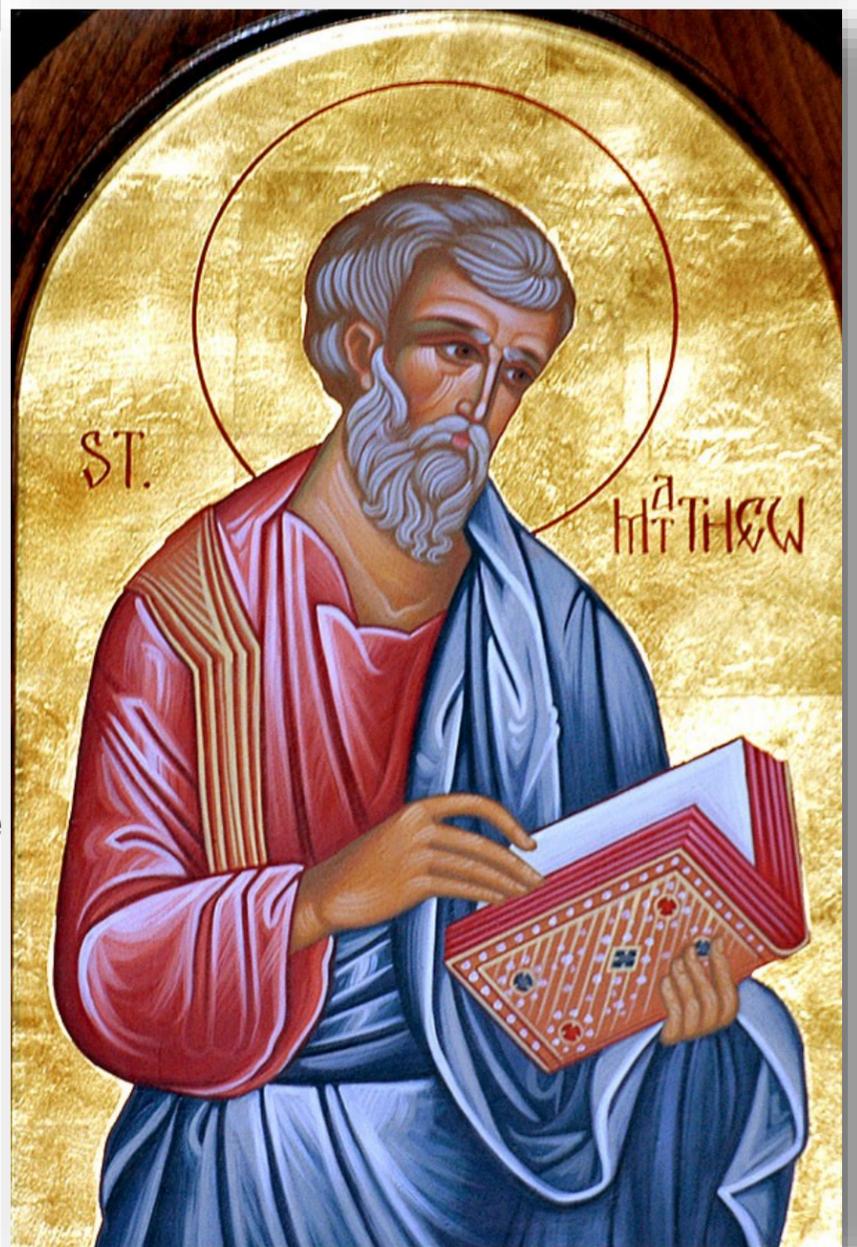
continued the practices of Christ Jesus were not considered to be a separate religious group for several decades. You might recall that in a recent sermon, I observed that in his letter to the Romans (written about the year 68 CE) St. Paul is arguing that Gentile followers of Christ (like us) are being grafted onto the tree of Jewish faith. Through the work of Paul and the other Apostles, it appears that the number of Christ followers was growing steadily during the decades after the first Easter.

The Pharisees also had a set of religious practices and beliefs that were not especially reliant on the Temple. As happens in other spheres of life, two groups that were relatively close to one another in practical terms, the Pharisees and the Christ-followers, came to be in conflict with one another. This conflict accelerated and came to a head in the decades following the destruction of the Temple. We see the evolution of this conflict in the different Gospel accounts.

The **Gospel of Mark** came into its present form around the year 70 CE. Reading between the lines of the Gospel of Mark we don't see a lot of tension between the Pharisees and the followers of Christ. That's because the story of Mark's Gospel was being told in the years before the destruction of the Temple and before the increase in tensions between the Pharisees and the Christ-followers.

The **Gospel of Matthew** came into its present form around the year 85 CE. In many ways, Matthew is the most Jewish of the Gospels. There are many quotations from the Hebrew scriptures. That's because Matthew's congregation was likely 100% Jewish and firmly within the Jewish religious sphere. And yet there is evidence all through the Gospel of Matthew of the emerging tension between Matthew's 'Christ follower' group and the larger Jewish establishment. Matthew insists that the Christ-followers are the true heirs of the branch of David (see Matthew 1). And yet this group must have been facing enormous criticism from the emerging Jewish establishment, which was likely dominated by the Pharisee faction. This is the reason Matthew's account of the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus has lots of anti-Jewish language. (See Matthew 27:25.)

The **Gospel of John** comes next, likely written around the year 95 CE. John's Gospel also shows a great amount of conflict between the Christ-followers and the Jews. Ten years had passed since Matthew's Gospel and the division between the Christ followers and the main groups of Judaism had become deeper and now had practical, drastic implications. The people who first heard John's Gospel were Christ-following Jews who had been forced to leave the synagogue. Being forced to leave the synagogue meant loss of their community, loss of social and business ties, and loss of their special protections as Jewish individuals in the Roman Empire. You will hear more about this story line in the Gospel of John in the weeks following Easter, but the clues are all through the Gospel of John, such as a recent passage we read during worship, John 9:22.



# Christians, Jews, and Holy Week (continued)

—by Fr. Philip

**Luke** was likely the latest of the Gospel accounts. It's possible that members of Luke's congregation were thinking of themselves, not as Jews, but as a separate religious group. Congregations of Christians were becoming more and more separate from Jewish religion. As a result, we see less conflict between Jesus' followers and Jewish leaders and congregations.

Learning more about these conflicts and details has not made the four Gospel accounts have less of an impact on my life. On the contrary, with each passing year, I am more inspired by the diversity and power of each of the Gospel stories. The characters and the original audiences experienced conflict and fear, just as we do. Each of the Gospels has vital lessons for us to guide us in our journeys as disciples.

Yet we need to take care with our use of scripture readings, especially on days when we are likely to have many visitors, such as Palm Sunday. Each year we have a different Gospel assigned for the Passion reading on Palm Sunday. In 2021 we read from the Gospel of Mark. In 2022 we read from the Gospel of Luke. In 2023 Matthew is assigned.



As I mentioned above, Matthew's account is the most problematic. Because of this and the rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes, Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe has granted us permission and encouraged us to consider alternative versions of texts for use during Holy Week. So on Palm Sunday, we will be reading the Passion according to John, with a few modifications made to the New Revised Standard Version.

John often describes any negative characters with a universalizing phrase: 'the Jews'. This is not only potentially harmful for our relationships with our Jewish sisters and brothers, it often doesn't make much sense, since Jesus and the disciples are also Jews. So in our Passion reading I have substituted more specific expressions, such as 'the priests', or 'the soldiers' in place of the generic expression 'the Jews'.

I hope you will join me in all of our Holy Week worship services. We seek to worship in a way that avoids divisiveness and brings more love and understanding; that's what Jesus intended for us.

Philip +

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S SYRACUSE

**Palm Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m. single service**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 5:30 p.m.  
Begins with a simple meal**

**Good Friday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.**

**Easter Vigil, April 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Begins with 40 minutes of candlelight and incense is used**

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m. single service**



## Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to make an offering to St. Paul's for Easter flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, you are invited to send a donation to the parish office along with:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to our mailing address: 310 Montgomery St. Syracuse 13202. You may also put the information and your check in the offering plate.

**All names must be received by Sunday, April 2nd.**



## Vestry Highlights: March 2023

—by Dick Pilgrim, Sr. Warden



**T**he Vestry was updated concerning two important and ongoing projects; namely working with *A Tiny Home for Good* to make use of empty space on the second floor of the Parish House, and the Open Doors project.

In the case of the former, special guest Andrew Lunetta of A Tiny Home for Good (ATHFG) reported on an important NYS HHAP grant he's working on that could pay for all construction costs for the second floor project. It also provides access to a second grant program to pay for an onsite caseworker for the program when housed in our church. The Housing and Homeless Assistance Program (HHAP) is a project of New York State's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. HHAP appears very interested in this project, and it only helps the prospect of success that the church is already funded for its part of the construction through the Open Doors work.

And speaking of the Open Doors project, Fr. Philip brought us up to date on a time-line being worked out with our architects for getting bids out and construction firms signed up to do the work. This time-line has been long in coming due to problems within the architectural process over which we had no control, so it's good news that we are beginning to receive final drafts of the bid documents and we are closer to sending the project out to bid.

Another item of note: The Vestry approved a proposal to revise and clarify the organizational structure of The Women of St. Paul's and its connection to the church. Like several of our programmatic teams and committees, there will now be one convener of The Women of St. Paul's, appointed annually by the Vestry. The convener is to serve a one-year term and may be reappointed for two additional one-year terms. Provisos are in place for overseeing the application and funding procedures in regard to the Nan Dorr Fund. The Vestry looks forward to a healthy future for this important program of our church.

### SINGLE SERVICE

## We will hold one worship service at 10 a.m. on two very important days: Palm Sunday and Easter, **April 2nd and 9th**

We are worshipping as a single congregation on Palm Sunday because of the large number of readers required to lead the Passion Gospel reading. We are worshipping as a single congregation on Easter morning because your priest and your organist/choirmaster will be leading worship services on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings leading up to Easter. Arriving at St. Paul's at 8 or 8:30 to make final preparations on Easter Sunday will be a healthy way for our leaders to start the most important Sunday of the church year.

We hope our members will find joy in being together for these worship services. We promise we'll be back to our regular 8 and 10 a.m. worship schedule for all but two or three days for the rest of the year.



# Maundy Thursday Worship

## Thursday, April 6th at 5:30 p.m.

—by *Father Philip*

**F**or the first time since 2019, members will join together for a full, St. Paul's-style, Maundy Thursday worship service. This year all participants will be seated at tables arranged in a large oval in the center of the nave. Please arrive before 5:30 if you are able. We will begin with an opening hymn and prayer at 5:30, and then share a simple but delicious dinner, provided by our Community Fellowship team.

Sitting in a large, round formation will allow all of us to see one another, while limiting your close contact to those seated on either side of you. It's important for us to be together in community for the meal because this is the main idea of Maundy Thursday: as members of the body of Christ we are connected. We work together, find joy together, and serve one another.

Following dinner, we remain seated at our tables and listen to scripture readings and a sermon. Then participants will be invited to follow Jesus' example in John 13 in practical terms, and participate in the foot-washing portion of the liturgy as the congregation sings hymns of service and servanthood. Participation in the foot-washing is optional, but many find it to be meaningful. Our worship will continue with communion. In keeping with the communal spirit of the entire liturgy, the bread and wine are distributed by all participants as we are seated at the tables.

Following communion, the congregation is invited to watch the ceremonial stripping and washing of the altar as Psalm 22 is sung by two cantors. The liturgy concludes with a silent procession, as the congregation follows the crucifer out of the nave and the reserved consecrated bread and wine are brought to the aumbry for a 48-hour 'period of absence' between Maundy Thursday and the Great Vigil of Easter.



*Maundy Thursday Service from 2019*

I hope you will join us for Maundy Thursday; it is one of the most meaningful times in the church year. Our Community Fellowship leaders need to know how much food to prepare, so please sign up in advance, using the sign-up sheet in the Brewster Room, or by calling the church office. A collection to defray the costs of the dinner will be taken. Please also consider inviting a friend to join you for Maundy Thursday. With this combination of worship, service, fellowship, and song, there is no better way to understand what is most important at St. Paul's.

# Junior Warden's Report: Emergency Action Plan

—by Marion Greenhalgh, Jr. Warden



**C**ontinuing on with segments from our Emergency Action Plan (EAP), this month I'll cover the Role of an Emergency Response Team (ERT). The following is a quick overview of the responsibilities of those who may have a role in the response to an incident.

## **Incident Coordinator (IC)/Rector:**

The Rector (IC) assumes responsibility for implementing the emergency action plan at the time of the incident, providing leadership until personnel with more experience arrive on scene. Should the Rector not be available, the Emergency Response Team Members (ERTM), or the Security Coordinator (SC), will assume this position in order of command and availability: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Vestry, Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, Security Coordinator and Ushers. Responsibilities may include the following:

- Ensuring that all emergency response team members are assigned duties and understand all emergency procedures;
- Working with other emergency response team members to evaluate an emergency;
- Ensuring proper emergency communication;
- Delegating needed emergency actions;
- Ensuring that outside groups conducting business within the confines of St. Paul's Church are made aware of this Emergency Action Plan, and supplied the Emergency Telephone Numbers, on page 7 of the Plan, in the signed contract or agreement.
- The Rector may also be called upon by the emergency agency(s) involved to aid in crowd control and building evacuation. The IC should immediately identify her/himself as such to emergency agency personnel responding to an incident.



## **Emergency Response Team Members (ERTM)/Wardens/Vestry and Ushers:**

The remaining emergency response team members are staff members/volunteers who are trained in emergency situations, evacuation techniques and fire responses. Responsibilities may include the following:

- Building evacuations—responsible for helping people who need assistance, and then reporting to the IC that their assigned section has been cleared during an evacuation;
- Work in coordination with the B&GCC (below) to minimize hazards.
- The Wardens should stay near the Fayette Street doors to ensure no one enters the building during an evacuation. If a Warden(s) is not available, another Vestry member(s) should do this duty.
- The Ushers should ensure that the disabled are assisted in any evacuation.
- ERTM should immediately identify themselves as such to any personnel responding to the incident.

### **Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair (B&GCC):**

The Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair is a volunteer trained to know the floor plans of each building and the emergency evacuation procedures for any emergency—medical, fire, weather, etc. The B&GCC may also be responsible for:

- Receiving status reports from the Rector/IC;
- Relaying status report information to the emergency agency(s) involved (e.g., fire department, police, paramedics, emergency management, etc.);
- Coordinating with the emergency agency(s) to assist with any needed evacuations or other emergency actions.

The B&GCC may work with the ERTM to:

- Coordinate emergency planning activities;
- Assist with recruiting team members;
- Schedule training;
- Communicate ongoing plans;
- May be involved in long range planning.

### **Security Coordinator/Derek (SC):**

It is St. Paul's policy to **Never Allow Weapons on church property**. The SC is trained in such areas as crisis intervention, de-escalation, proper non-lethal tactics, and has the best chance at stopping or minimizing violence should it occur. **When the SC is responding to an incident all other individuals should stay away and let him do his job. If another person is needed, the SC will ask for them.** The SC, if available, should do the sweep through the building ensuring everyone is outside during an evacuation.

### **Sunday School Director (SSD):**

The Sunday School Director is responsible for ensuring that all children in their care are evacuated safely, and stays with them during an evacuation until their parents can pick them up.

As mentioned previously, the Plan is a working document, and any helpful suggestions are greatly appreciated. Next month I plan to tackle fire emergencies.

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## *Prayer List*

Please keep these people in your prayers

June B., Marie P., Stefan D., Jeanne A., Liz H., and Perry M.

We remember those who have died in recent days

All those who are living alone

All who are struggling with depression and anxiety.

We pray for the leaders of the church, including:

*Michael, our presiding bishop, DeDe, our bishop, and Philip, our rector.*



**Just a reminder to please contact Kira Dirghalli if you have concerns or names or changes for the prayer list.**

# Interfaith Conversations: A Report

—by *Dick Pilgrim, for the Formation Team*

**R**ecently your Formation Ministry Team sponsored an after-church presentation and conversation with three representatives of the organization called “Learning Together With Our Neighbors” – an organization made up of six different congregations in our area: one Jewish, one Muslim, two Roman Catholic and two Protestant. We learned that this group formed four years ago in the interests of promoting both inter-religious understanding and an appreciation for our neighbors who may be different from us in this or that more significant way.

We also learned that their primary activity to date has been to annually invite folks from those congregations for a kind of “getting-to-you” event featuring exchanges of information about each others’ religions, and a common evening meal. This year’s event took place on March 19, and was held at Congregation Beth Shalom Chevra Shas. Their theme this year was how the different religions do worship.

The presentation and conversation at our church on March 5 also featured the three reps themselves since, as individuals, they reflect in a nutshell what this is all about. We therefore got to know a bit about the following people – both personally and in terms of their connections to their own congregations or communities: Laurie Ovadia of Congregation Beth Shalom, Yusuf Can Bektas of RISE Cultural Center (Turkish/Muslim), and Kirsten Hubel of Plymouth Congregational Church. In each case we heard in some detail about their connection to their own congregations, but also their reasons for getting involved in this organization.

Some 20 of us listened and asked questions; some even wondered if they personally could attend the March 19 event, while others wondered if maybe our church could become a supporting congregation!

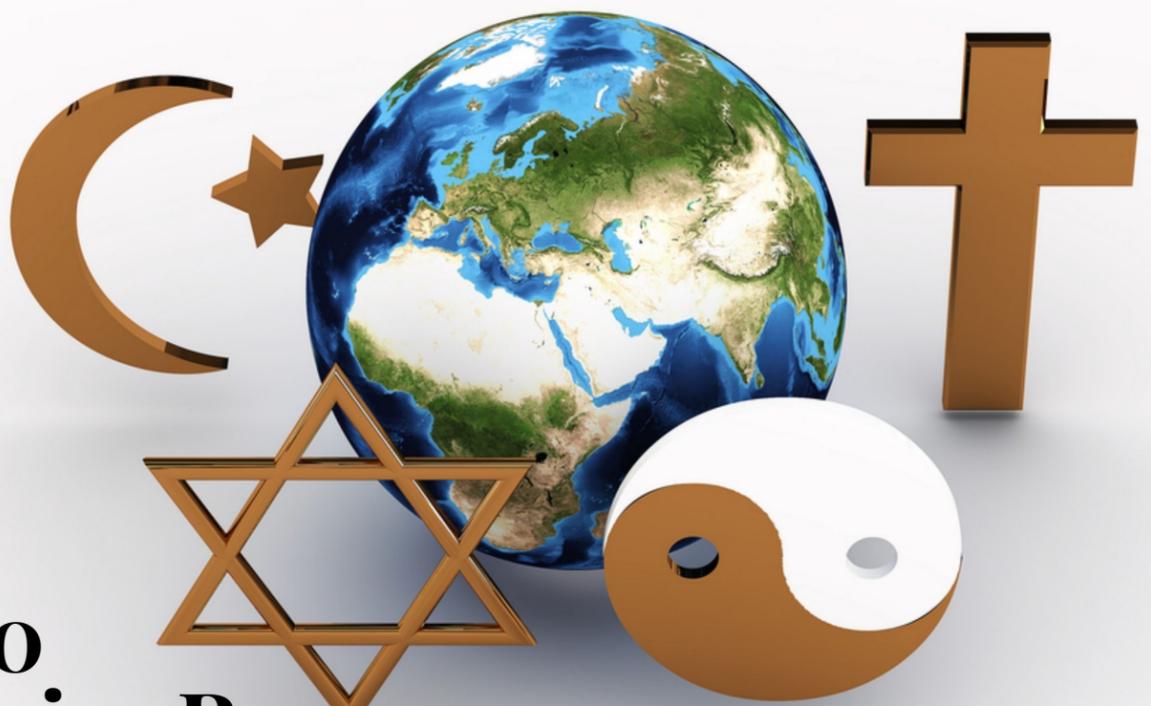
In fact, and subsequent to this event, some folks within our church have shown such a degree of interest that the Formation team will be sponsoring an open conversation about possibly joining with this group as a congregation. This conversation will be held after services on **Sunday May 7, at 11:30AM**. Please make note of the date and join us if you can.

## Interfaith Conversations

**PART TWO**

**Join Us on  
Sunday,  
May 7th**

**from 11:30 to 12:30  
in the Hansen Dining Room**



# SPC: Beyond the Sunday Pews

—by Dick Pilgrim, Sr. Warden

**N**ewer people to our church, but some older one's too, might be interested to learn more about some of the multiple programs that are running outside or beyond our Sunday services (and hospitality) -- sometimes sight unseen. One way to do that is, of course, to be sure you're getting the monthly *Courier* and weekly *Newsletter*, and then actually reading them! Another is to walk along the hallway outside the choir room where a picture gallery highlights a number of such programs, as well as such administrative groups as the Vestry, the Executive Ministry Team, and other committees.

Primary to the programs are the four ministry teams that are topically organized around Christian formation, community/fellowship, mission/service, and worship. Several other programs, then, operate in close harmony with them such as Bible studies and Sunday school (formation), Women of St. Paul's and Friday potlucks (community/fellowship), Open Pantry and YMCA outreach (mission/service), and Alter Guild and choir (worship). Other programs, such as pastoral care, don't exactly fit any one of these ministry teams, but rather cut across that topical arrangement.

These and other programs are there for you to get involved in, and to contribute to the church's ministries beyond the Sunday services. They also provide an opportunity for your participation in a leadership role at St. Paul's. Consider yourselves invited to join us in these activities and programs, and thanks for doing so!

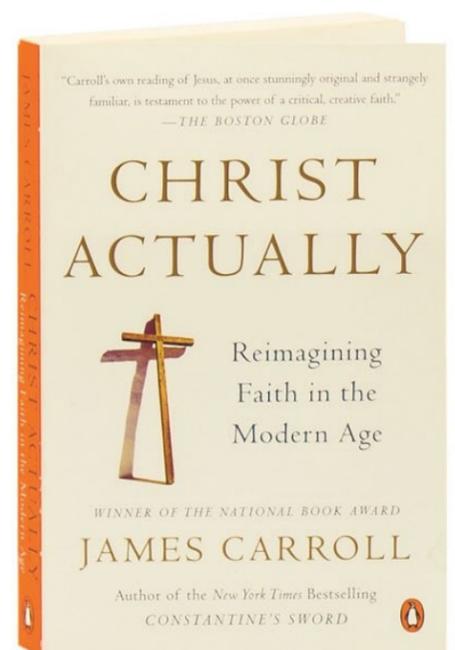
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## “SPC Readers” Rides Again!

—by Dick Pilgrim

**S**PC Readers will be up and running again (on Zoom) after Easter, and I'm hoping several of you will be interested in joining me. I've looked through a few books we might read featuring biblical studies on Paul or Jesus, but I keep coming back to James Carroll's book *Christ Actually: Reimagining Faith in the Modern Age*. It has both an excellence and an authenticity about it relating to biblical studies, Christian history, and contemporary theology; and offers a compelling interpretation of the Christ figure for our times. Though it has scholarly attributes, it is both personal and – as the author tells us – reflective of his own spiritual journey. An important subtheme in the book is the Jewish Jesus, and a critique of Christian anti-Semitism. (A few of you may remember going through this book with me a couple of years ago. If I can read it again, maybe you can too!)

The schedule of zoom meetings starts on Wednesday, April 12 (7:30-8:30 PM) and runs for six consecutive Wednesdays through Wednesday, May 17. The reading schedule will be a bit heavy in order to limit the number of meetings, but as we've done before, people read whatever they are able for any given meeting. Again, and as before, I will send around a particular reading schedule when we're closer to the start date, and when I have a sign-up from those who would like to join us. Let's consider one week before we start (April 5) as a deadline for signing up ([rbpilgri@syr.edu](mailto:rbpilgri@syr.edu)). (Needless to say, those signing up will need to obtain their own copy of the book.) I'm looking forward to our discussions.





## Children’s Ministry Happenings

—by *Jeanne Avery, Formation Ministry Team Leader*

**T**he activity in the Chapel is constantly changing. Along with the lesson, and the project, the children are creating their own stories at the base of the altar. They select a gold box, look inside, take out the pieces, start off on task and start creating their own “parable”. Fifty years ago I would have stopped them but today, I am totally enjoying it. When I announce “time to go to church.” They now want to see Fr. Philip later.



Remember the Lenten boxes we had as children for collecting coins? The children each have a container to fill with coins for the pantry.

Looking forward to the Easter Season each week. We will have a “walk”. We will have a Palm Procession; A Walk through Holy Week and Easter, concluding with a Walk to Emmaus on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you have children visiting they are welcome to join us.

## Formation News

—by *Jeanne Avery, Formation Ministry Team Leader*

**T**he next Christian Education program will be May 7 from 11:30-12:30: Look for the announcement in Dick Pilgrims article on page 10

Please go to the website for the Spiritual Renewal Center and join the mailing list. You will hear of the programs as they become available. One upcoming program is *Seeing God Now* Thursday April 20 at 7:00pm advance registration required.

Finally, please note that our Monday Bible Study will meet in the Brewster Room beginning April 10th.



**L**enten Taize Service Thursday March 30, at 7:00 - 8:00. At All Saints Church 1343 Lancaster Ave Syr. ( The Advent Taize Service had 150 people-they had to move to the church next store from the center.)

Taize is a meditative prayer service with candlelight, chanting and silence. It originated in the ecumenical community in Taize, France. Episcopalians Erin Moore and Jeff Wise lead this beautiful service. (I love it- I attend in Fulton and in Syr.). Anyone wanting to join me please call. —*Jeanne Avery*

# A Celebration with Souper Soup and Fine Fellowship

—by **Debbie Bogan**

**I**t was a blustery cold and snowy evening on March 10, 2023. Many folks were settled in at home. Thirty hardy souls ventured out to St. Paul's for a delicious soup and bread dinner cooked by Betsy Elkins and Liz Belden-Handler. These two dedicated ladies spent four plus hours each preparing this wonderful meal for us.

There was no charge, but if we felt like contributing something, there were baskets for cash and pantry donations.

St. Paul's parishioners and friends enjoyed a lovely evening of good food and fine fellowship. We also celebrated the upcoming arrival of Tiffany's and Tim's baby girl.

Many thanks to Barbara Bell for underwriting much of the cost of the meal and for the beautiful and tasty celebration cake.

A special thank you to many folks who volunteered to clean up.

As always, St. Paul's rocks when it comes to hospitality. The event was souperlative!



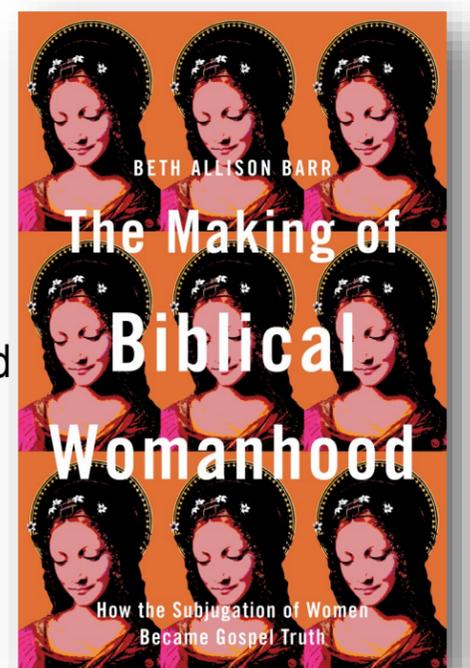
Photo by DJ Igelsrud

# Feminist Theology

—by **Laurie Sanderson**

**W**hat a great year this has been! We enjoyed our last book, *In Defense of Witches* and had a challenging informative discussion! We are grateful for our new members and always welcome others to join. Again, because of Zoom, we continue to welcome members who have moved away. We are a fluid group, planning ahead as we go, and so appreciate the suggestions members have!

Our next meeting is April 11th at 7:30, the Tuesday after Easter. We are reading a fascinating new novel by Louise Erdrich called *The Sentence*. For May we will be reading, *The Making of Biblical Womanhood- How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth* by Beth Allison Barr.



If you would like to join us, please do. Contact Laurie Sanderson at 315-420-1518.

# Typewriter Pastoral Care

—by Doug & Perry Mouncey



**T**ypewriters and Pastoral Care, what a strange combination of concepts.

But my experience is that the following story is a wonderful example of pastoral care at St. Paul's.

Recently an envelope arrived at our home addressed to The Reverend Perry Mouncey. Her name and our address were typed but there was not any sender information on the outside of the envelope.

Her immediate response was to chuckle as she wondered who uses a typewriter anymore. Inside was a get-well card from parishioner, Harry Lewis.

I'm writing about this for two reasons.

- First, it is an example of how we can continue to demonstrate our care for others even as our own life changes. In this instance, I know that for many years Harry served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister taking communion to those at home and unable to attend services. Despite no longer being able to make such visits, Harry continues to reach out to our members remembering them by sending a card as they mark special occasions in their lives. Doing the “little” things like this, frequently behind the scenes, builds up our sense of *community*.
- Second, it is an opportunity for us to express our thanks as Perry continues to recuperate from her recent knee replacement surgery.
- We are thankful for the surgeon and medical team at UpState Community Hospital Campus for their skills and care.
- We are thankful to have insurance that will absorb much of the cost of the surgery, on-going physical therapy, etc.
- Most importantly, we are thankful for the members of St. Paul's: for their prayers, their get-well cards, their flowers, their loan of handy medical equipment, their gifts of food, and their offers of support as she continues the recovery process.

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## Pastoral Care Meeting

—by Kira Dirghalli

**J**ust a very quick and short update. I am returning home to Syracuse by April 12th. I have shared that date with my pastoral care team. Our first meeting will be on April 17th, 2023 at 1:30 in the Brewster Room. I will send an agenda a few days before the meeting. I will be in church on Sunday, April 16th hopefully not needing boots??!

I look forward to coming home and worshipping with my St. Paul's family.

Happy Easter....May each day be a special Easter to you, all year long.



# Friday Pot Luck April 14th



**Join us on Friday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Please bring a dish to serve 6-8 people and BYOB if you imbibe. We'll supply plates, flatware, glasses and drinks.**

**We hope to see you there!**

## No Bible Study on April 3rd

—by *Father Philip*

**T**here will be no Bible Study on April 3rd. Our Monday Noon Bible Study will meet in the Brewster Room beginning April 10. Please contact Fr. Philip for more information.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

### Who Mails the Courier?

A big thank you to Liz Handler for all her help in mailing out the Couriers each month for those who want a hard copy. We appreciate it tremendously!



# Our Church Directory

—by DJ igelsrud

**H**ave you wanted to know the name of someone you saw in church on Sunday?  
Have you looked at our St. Paul's Directory lately?

Do you know how to access it?

Have you obtained the password to view the directory from the St. Paul's website?

Would you like to have a hard copy of the directory at home?

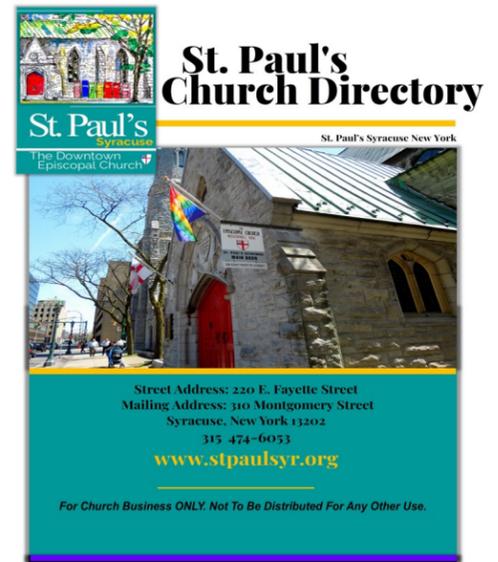
Is your photograph in the directory?

Would you like to have your photo in the directory?

Have you filled our Getting to Know You form?

Do you know how to access this form?

The answers to all of these questions can be answered by simply emailing me, DJ, at [djdigishooter@gmail.com](mailto:djdigishooter@gmail.com) -or by emailing the church office ([jmcadoo@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:jmcadoo@stpaulsyr.org)).



**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH DIRECTORY**  
Getting To Know You

**Family Member #1**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Line: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Birth year optional--if a young child, it's helpful to have the year)  
Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Member #2**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Line: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Birth year optional--if a young child, it's helpful to have the year)  
Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Member #3**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Line: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Birth year optional--if a young child, it's helpful to have the year)  
Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the reverse to add more family members. If you receive an email stating privacy changes, don't worry. It's just an automatic email that goes out when we add you to our directory. We only use your information for church business.

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# The next Courier will be out May 1st.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Please do not indent your paragraphs or include bullets or formatting in your text.

Newsletter



In Loving Memory

# Valerie Alston

March 15, 1921-March 5, 2023

It is with great sadness, we learned recently of the death of Valerie Alston.

She passed away just shy of her 102nd birthday. There will be a graveside service here in Syracuse later this Spring. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Bill.



## April Birthdays

- PERRY MOUNCEY 4/6**
- ANNA KEMP 4/6**
- CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON 4/11**
- LYNN FALLON 4/20**
- JOAN SAMMONS 4/25**
- PETER EARLE 4/25**
- JIM POTTS 4/26**
- RUTH BROWN 4/29**
- HARRY LEWIS 4/30**

SYRACUSE  
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MUSIC

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 1, 2023**  
7:30 PM ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Tickets may  
be purchased  
at the concert  
or at [SyrFCM.org](http://SyrFCM.org)*

# NAKAMATSU PIANO TRIO



Some of the  
community  
events  
coming to St.  
Paul's

SYRACUSE  
FRIENDS  
of CHAMBER  
MUSIC

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 29, 2023**  
7:30 PM ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# PACIFICA QUARTET with ANTHONY MCGILL



# Symphoria!

THE ORCHESTRA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

**Sunday, April 30**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**at St. Paul's**  
**Syracuse**

*This program features Symphoria musicians  
in a wide variety of solo works, and  
concludes with Haydn's groundbreaking  
Farewell Symphony.*



*For more information and to purchase  
tickets, go to: [experiencesymphoria.org](http://experiencesymphoria.org)*





Saturday, April 1, 7:30 pm, Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music Concert—Tickets available at the door

Sunday, April 2, 9:50 am, Godly Play Children’s Sunday School—Chapel  
Sunday, April 2, 10:00 am, SINGLE SERVICE Worship – Live Stream & In Person  
Sunday, April 2, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers  
Wednesday, April 5, 4:30 pm, Centering Prayer —Private Zoom Room (ask Sue Wright for details)  
Thursday, April 6, 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 7, 5:30 pm, Good Friday Service  
Saturday, April 8, 7:00 pm, Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 9:50 am, Godly Play Children’s Sunday School—Chapel  
Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person  
Sunday, April 9, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers  
Monday, April 10, 12:00 noon, Bible Study—Brewster Room  
Monday, April 10, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting—Montgomery Zoom  
Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Private Zoom Room (ask Laurie for details)  
Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 am, Open Doors Steering Committee —Montgomery Zoom Room  
Wednesday, April 12, 4:30 pm, Centering Prayer —Private Zoom Room (ask Sue Wright for details)  
Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
Friday, April 14, 5:30 pm, Pot Luck Dinner  
Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am, Open Pantry Drop Off

Sunday, April 16, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person  
Sunday, April 16, 9:50 am, Godly Play Children’s Sunday School—Chapel  
Sunday, April 16, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person  
Sunday, April 16, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers  
Monday, April 17, 12:00 noon, Bible Study —Brewster Room  
Monday, April 17, 1:30 pm, Pastoral Care Meeting —Brewster Room  
Tuesday, April 18, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room  
Wednesday, April 19, 4:30 pm, Centering Prayer —Private Zoom Room (ask Sue Wright for details)  
Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 23, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person  
Sunday, April 23, 9:50 am, Godly Play Children’s Sunday School—Chapel  
Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person  
Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers  
Sunday, April 23, Midnight, Deadline for articles for the April Courier  
Monday, April 24, 9:30 am, Executive Ministry Team  
Monday, April 24, 12:00 noon, Bible Study —Brewster Room  
Tuesday, April 25, 5:00 pm, Worship Ministry Team—Brewster Room  
Tuesday, April 25, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds Meeting—Montgomery Zoom  
Wednesday, April 26, 4:30 pm, Centering Prayer —Private Zoom Room (ask Sue Wright for details)  
Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
Saturday, April 29, 7:30 pm, Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, April 30, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person  
Sunday, April 30, 9:50 am, Godly Play Children’s Sunday School—Chapel  
Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person  
Sunday, April 30, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers  
Sunday, April 30, 3:00 pm, Symphoria Concert

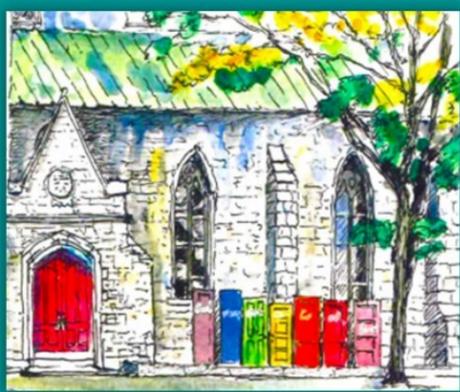


Check our website for the most up to date calendar:  
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# Sunday, April 16th is the day of the Syracuse Half Marathon



**St. Paul's will hold worship services at our normal times: 8 and 10 a.m. Please allow an extra 5-10 minutes if you are driving to St. Paul's on the 16th. We'll have more information about which roads to take to St. Paul's the week before the race.**



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