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St. Paul's Vestry, Wardens, Clerk of the Vestry & Rector

Back Row: Barbara Bell, David Morgan, Jeanne Chu, Joe Moorman, Ieva Doyle,
Rev. Philip Major, Tim Cassavaw, Tom Cantwell, Harry Lambright
Front Row: Matthieu van der Meer, Joe Russo, Marion Greenhalgh



*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been,
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*

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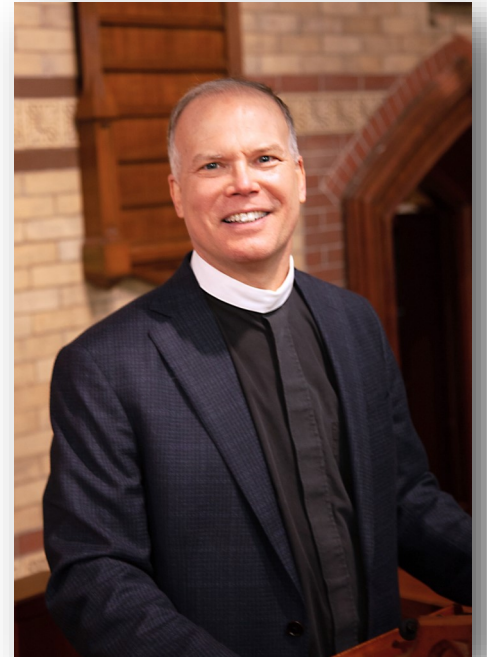
St. Paul's is people...caring!

—by Father Philip

*Little children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.*

1 John 3:18

That is one of the little mottos that rumbles around in my head each week as I walk through our buildings, meeting, talking, and working with our members and staff. Any given day at St. Paul's I might see three or five or ten instances of people working together with faithfulness and love, or individuals doing some extra piece of work, largely unseen by others. I say to myself: "There you go! St. Paul's is people, caring." Every Sunday is a veritable stream of 'St. Paul's people, caring' moments, from ushers to fellowship hosts, musicians to members exchanging the Peace: many, many people doing something extra that reveals they really care.



A few weeks ago on a Sunday morning, a tremendous gathering of caring people was at work in the Hadley Chapel, during one of our *Godly Play* classes. The leaders included two of the usual suspects: Barbara Bell and Jeanne Avery, the two wise women who guide and lead the Christian formation of our children every Sunday, week after week, month after month. One of the remarkable things about Barbara and Jeanne is the creativity and faithfulness they bring to their task. They are always cooking up exciting, interesting ways to engage the children in conversations about God, God's creation, and Jesus.

Sometime around Easter, Barbara invited one of our most experienced gardeners, Tim Cassavaw, to lead the children in a spring planting project, called 'Seeds to Flowers'. Tim purchased and assembled all of the materials for the project several days before the event. On April 11th, Jeanne and Barbara sent out a special notice to parents and grandparents of the children, encouraging them to wear clothes suitable for the activity.

The big day was April 14th; Hadley Chapel was full of activity and joy. Tim led the activity and five other adults were there to help the children. Five children participated. As you can see by these photos, the children treasured the results of their work.

There is a reason all of the people, children and adults alike, are smiling in these photos. Everyone, the adults especially, are showing their love for one another, not just with words, but in truth and action. Deep inside the children know they are treasured by the adults, because of the actions of the adults. They are learning they can trust these adults. In this, they are also learning they are beloved of God.

You are also beloved of God. For many of us, it is easy to see with the little children; it is easy to see that these children are beloved of God. Notice that the elder of the congregation, the one who wrote the three 'Letters of John' found in the New Testament, referred to the members of the congregation as 'little children'. His main message to them is that they, no matter the difficulties of their lives (and there were significant difficulties for them), were all beloved children of God. You are also a beloved child of God.



Philip +

Sunday School Happenings

—by Barbara Bell

Sunday, April 14, was a very Spring-y day in the Godly Play classroom! Our guest teacher was Tim Cassavaw, who brought us all the things we needed to plant our own flowers to take home! Each child had a trowel and watering can, and we were shown how to put stones, soil and a lily bulb in our pots. Ms. Jessica King was our guest as well and assisted Mr. Tim.

Mr. Tim instructed us how to care for our flowers until they bloom and can be planted in our gardens. It is a wonderful way to remember God as the first gardener, and we are His helpers! Thank you to Mr. Tim and Ms. Jessica!

Godly Play Sunday School Fun April 21



Tim Cassavaw and Jessica King show the children how to care for God's creation.

Photos by Ellie Major

Thank You To Debbie Bogan

For the past few years, Debbie Bogan has graciously been purchasing a box of girl scout cookies for each of the staff.

We are so appreciative of this very kind and very delicious gift!



Senior Warden's Report

—by Marion Greenhalgh



I have finally come to the last section of our Emergency Action Plan (EAP). These articles have been summaries of the body of the Plan. Also included, but unable to be placed in the Courier, are Appendices that include drawings, forms, checklists, floor plans, and maps. Once the Open Doors project is complete, I will update the EAP and place at least one copy in the Brewster Room for anyone's perusal.

CONTINUITY PLANNING

Should an incident occur at St. Paul's, normal administrative, financial, or logistical services might not be available. If this happens, the Rector will determine what administrative services can be maintained at the church and which services will be provided from an alternate facility, such as a private home. Volunteers will be solicited to accomplish certain tasks that would be necessary to continue worship services and other ministries.

The primary objective of continuity planning is to ensure church services and activities can continue following a disaster or other debilitating event. Important factors to consider when planning for the continuity of church operations include:



- **Facility relocation** – if St. Paul's facilities become unusable, such as in the case of fire damage or prolonged utility disruption, it is important to have an agreement with a pre-identified neighboring church or other nearby facility to hold services. This helps to ensure normal functions are maintained.
- **Preservation of essential records** – this is vital if the church is to resume functioning after a major incident. Vital records should be duplicated and kept in a safe location or on the cloud. These records include insurance documents, christening records and financial records.
- **Administrative controls** – during and after an incident, it is imperative that accurate records are kept to determine what resources are acquired or expended during the incident. If any expenditure is required before, during, or after an incident, the Rector will authorize any purchase in advance. An activities log should be kept by the Business Manager of these activities and expenditures and will be reconciled in the next budget report to the Vestry.
- **Inventory of valuables** – an accurate inventory of items of value along with the replacement cost or value of the items should be maintained. Valuables include art, silver, furniture, appliances, and other objects considered essential to St. Paul's ministries. A log with photos of these items should be maintained in the Business Manager's office as well as in a secure location such as a cloud storage system.
- **Safety equipment** – the Buildings & Grounds Chairperson will create a schedule of safety equipment inspections to determine if they are serviceable or in need of replacement. The locations of all of these safety resources are included in the Appendices. The Buildings & Grounds Chairperson will forward any requests for funds to the Rector and Treasurer for inclusion in budget requests.

Hopefully this EAP will never need to be used except for drills and training, but it's always good to be prepared. Please contact me if you have any questions, or would like to work on the updating of the plan when the time comes. Stay safe and aware!

Junior Warden's Report

—by Joe Moorman



The late Senator Everett Dirksen, in talking about the Federal Budget, claimed, “A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money.” Well, knock off six zeroes and we have an analogous situation at St. Paul's when it comes to maintaining our building and grounds: a thousand here and a thousand there adds up fast. Part of the stewardship responsibility of the vestry and wardens is to make sure there is **always a physical St. Paul's Church, and that it is used wisely both now and in the future.**

The Open Doors Project is one aspect of this stewardship. We are renovating, rehabilitating, and rebuilding parts of the church and Parish House to ensure St. Paul's remains a vital and accessible downtown institution. But it is unrealistic to rely solely on our congregation to pay for the St. Paul's upkeep, and so we must consider other ways to produce revenue.

Our vestry has established a small task force, that I am heading, to conduct a feasibility study for renovating the two third floor apartments in the Parish House and converting them to market rate rental units. The idea is to establish a reliable income stream that can be used to pay maintenance costs and to save toward any future renovations. The task force will estimate market rents and expenses to determine how much St. Paul's might net each month.

This is not a new idea. Early concepts for the Open Doors Project included rental apartments, but St. Paul's embraced A Tiny Home For Good as an even greater way to provide a needed service to Syracuse and at the same time put Christ's gospel message of love into action.

The economist John Maynard Keynes wrote, “The importance of money flows from it being a link between the present and the future.” This is an especially timely thought as we approach St. Paul's Bicentennial in 2026. Past generations worked so that there would be a church on the corner of Montgomery and East Fayette streets in which we could worship, and now it is our turn to continue that same effort.

Wear A Sweater!

It's almost May. It's that time of year when we turn off the furnace at St. Paul's, except for an unusual cold spell. We turn off the furnace in May for three reasons:

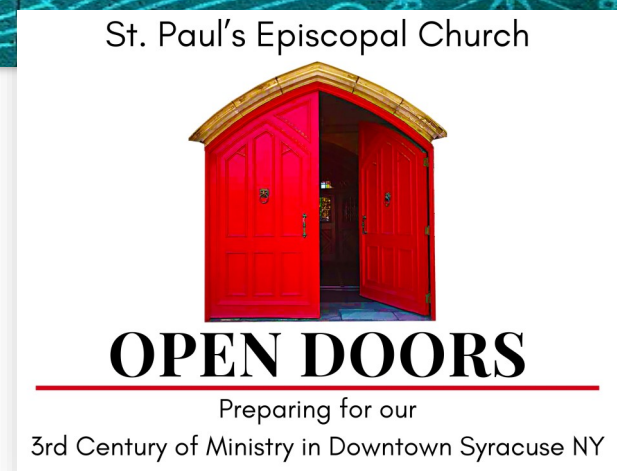
- 1. It reduces our heating bill.*
- 2. It reduces the carbon output of St. Paul's.*
- 3. It helps keep the building cool for the coming, very warm weeks of summer.*

For the next 6-8 weeks please consider bringing a sweater, insulated vest, or sweatshirt with you to St. Paul's, because it will be cool in the building.



Open Doors Capital Campaign Challenge Grant

—by Cathy Wolff



Last month, loyal supporters of St. Paul's for four generations, issued a challenge to St. Paul's Members, Former Members and Clergy:
If St. Paul's receives \$50,000 in pledges or donations to the Open Doors Capital Campaign between March 24th and June 30th, they will match it with another \$50,000!

Only new money counts toward this Challenge. If you made a pledge that was recorded before March 24, 2024, neither the pledge nor any payments you make on the pledge will count toward the Challenge. If you make a pledge now and want to pay it over 3 years, 100% of your pledge counts toward the Challenge (until we raise the full \$50,000).

As of April 15th, we have raised \$31,700 - only \$18,300 to go to secure an additional \$50,000!

Get your dollars doubled and give today - it will go a long way!

A Tiny Home for Good

—by Betsy Elkins

As Open Doors construction is underway, our partners from *A Tiny Home for Good* are preparing to start the construction of 10 small apartments on the second floor of our parish house in 2025. They are currently working on construction drawings and raising money for this work, and they report great progress on both. Our conversations continue about how the particulars of our partnership will work and how issues of joint concern will be addressed: security, fire alarms, door access, etc.



We have invited Andrew Lunetta, Executive Director of ATHFG to speak with us in June. We will let you know the date when it is settled. At that time he should be able to offer some more specific plans and answer questions we may have. Andrew spoke recently at Christ Church in Manlius where he described our partnership. We have heard glowing reports of his presentation and our friends at Christ Church join in our excitement of this partnership with ATHFG. We expect to post a link to a video of Andrew's presentation on our website.

You are encouraged to read about ATHFG on our website or perhaps follow them on Facebook. There will be opportunities for us to interact with the residents of ATHFG who will be living in our parish house. In the months ahead, our Mission and Service Ministry Team will offer some suggestions about this in addition to how we might help furnish and equip the apartments for our new neighbors.

Open Doors Construction Update

—by Betsy Elkins

While we have been under construction for over 5 months now and you may not be seeing anything different recently as you visit the church, much is going on behind the temporary walls and the Construction Zone signs.

All remediation work (removing hazardous material) is complete for Open Doors. All demolition work is complete. The lobby from Montgomery Street has been totally removed and an impressive elevator shaft is being built now. The old bathrooms adjacent to the Sargent Foyer have been removed and new ones will be constructed soon. Windows are being carefully removed throughout the parish house and restored. Several rooms on the second floor are now part of the Window Restoration Workshop area where this work is being done on site. Be sure you check the latest update video hosted by Cathy Wolff on our website for a discussion with one of the workers doing this window restoration. After the windows are restored, they are returned to their proper location, and they look wonderful.

With warmer weather ahead we expect to see roofing and masonry work done on the exterior of the parish house and eventually the new door from the parking lot to the Sargent Foyer will be added.

While we would love to have our kitchen back online this will be one of the last pieces of construction that will be completed. This room remains an entry way for workers and construction materials from the parking lot and to have them walking through a “new” kitchen (particularly a new floor) would not make much sense. The Project Management Task Force (Betsy Elkins, Rebecca Livengood, Marion Greenhalgh, Tom Cantwell, Greg Tuttle, Doug Mouncey and Philip Major) has begun to articulate the steps for putting our kitchen back together. Before Drulyk installs a new quarry tile floor, a small crew of SPC painters will wash and paint the walls. As all pieces of kitchen furniture are returned to their proper location everything will need to be thoroughly cleaned. Our storage spaces will be different as the old and very large pantry will soon be part of the new expanded bathrooms. We will be looking for some strategic kitchen helpers to assist in this work next fall.

Open Doors is a complicated project. We have experienced some delays due to the unexpected additional abatement work. The work (particularly the window restoration) is tedious and time consuming. Nevertheless, it is coming together, and the work will speed up shortly. Stay strong, patient, and grateful that this wonderful project is underway at last.



Parish House windows will be removed and restored



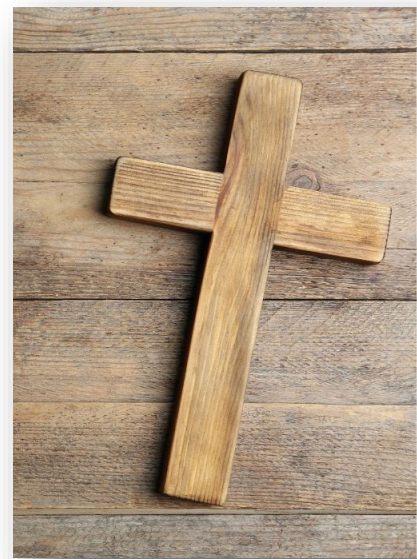
Preparing for the foundation for the elevator shaft.

Bible Study

—by Father Philip

Everyone is invited to join us for Bible Study, held most Mondays at noon in the Brewster Room.

- No preparation, experience, or materials are needed.
- Each Monday we read and discuss the scripture readings that will be read during worship the following Sunday.
- Our group is medium-sized, often with 5-10 people attending.



When the new entrance from the parking lot is finished it will be much easier for us to enter the building for Bible Study and other weekday meetings. Until then, please use the kitchen door and let me know you plan to attend.

Monday Bible Study will continue this Spring until June 17th, then resume in September.

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Many people are not able to attend Bible Study on a Monday, so this summer I will be leading a special Sunday bible study on June 30, July 7, and July 14. The topic is "Paul's 7 Authentic Letters". More information will be provided in the eblast in June.

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## Pastoral Care

—by Kira Dirghalli

**T**he Pastoral Care team is a small group of St. Paul's members who deliberately take on the task of caring for members who have needs. These individuals make phone calls, write notes, and visit members in their homes as well as in institutional settings. Some of the members have been trained to distribute communion. The leadership at St. Paul's is a team of two people: a leader and a priest. I, Kira Dirghalli, am the leader. My job is to convene meetings and help coordinate care for our members. I am also in charge of the prayer list. To be added to the prayer list, you may add yourself, add a family member or two. A friend may also be added to the list. I stay in touch with the people on the prayer list, especially those who added a family member or friend.



As our priest, the Rev. Philip Major oversees pastoral care needs for our entire congregation. Part of his job as our rector is to equip and empower the members of St. Paul's in their baptismal ministries as caregivers. Fr. Philip provides pastoral care in times of urgent need, as well as through many daily conversations with our members. Members are welcome to contact Fr. Philip at the office ([revmajor@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:revmajor@stpaulsyr.org)) and set up an in-person visit or a phone conversation.

Our parish prayer list includes (1) the Urgent Prayer list and (2) the Prayers of the People (written by members of St. Paul's, most often for a group of worship services).

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Brewster Room. New members are always welcome.





## Confirmation with the Bishop

Left to Right:  
Rev. Philip Major  
Ruth Brown  
Amy Mangram  
Bishop Dede Duncan Probe  
Joe Russo  
Deacon Chuck Stewart



Left to Right:  
Rev. Philip Major  
Robert Wagner  
Bishop Dede  
Jeanne Chu  
Deacon Chuck Stewart

Anita Wagner  
Sandi Yingling  
Georgette Schmidt  
Tim Schmidt

## Sunday May 5th Mountain Goat Race

The annual Mountain Goat race will be held Sunday, May 5th beginning at 9 a.m. The Mountain Goat race is smaller and has less impact on people travelling to St. Paul's for worship. Here are some details:



- The race should not affect those coming to 8 a.m. worship services.
- Clinton Square and South Salina Street from Erie to the Salt City Market will be closed beginning around 8:30.
- The race is held on the south side of the city, so there are no closures of streets north of I-690.
- Those coming from the SouthEast side to St. Paul's will have no road closures until 9:45.
- Those coming from the SouthWest side will have the most significant impacts as many streets will be closed in that quadrant of the city between 9-10 a.m. If you live on the SouthWest side please allow an extra 10 minutes to navigate race detours.
- If you live on the SouthWest side the best alternatives for avoiding race detours might be Geddes Ave and I-81.



## Living the Green Life, from the NYSDEC

—by Marion Greenhalgh

**F**riday, April 26, is **Arbor Day**, a time to appreciate and plant trees. Trees are a vital part of our environment. They help decrease erosion, reduce flooding damage, improve wildlife and stream habitats, and protect water quality. Should you want to plant trees, ensure they are planted on your own land, and that the location will not interfere with utilities once they've grown.



**Donate your solar eclipse glasses.** You can keep them for your future use, however, if you don't want to keep them there are several collection points across NY to donate or recycle these glasses, such as libraries and local government offices. Astronomers Without Borders also collects these glasses and sends them to areas expecting the next solar eclipses but may not have a safe way to view the eclipse directly, such as Africa, Asia, and North and South America. These collections points did not list any local Syracuse places, but there was a place in Rochester and Saratoga, or I'm sure you could google how to get your glasses to them.

Finally, on May 4<sup>th</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 'I Love My Park Day' will take place. This is the largest statewide volunteer event that enhances our public lands, with volunteers cleaning up debris, planting trees and gardens, restoring trails and wildlife habitats, removing invasive species, and working on various site improvement projects. More information about this day can be found on the Parks & Trails New York webpage.

**The June Courier will be devoted entirely to the Open Doors Project.**

**The next regular Courier will be out in mid-July. The deadline will be Tuesday, July 9th.**

Newsletter



**May Anniversaries**

**JOHN & JANE WOODMAN 5/1**

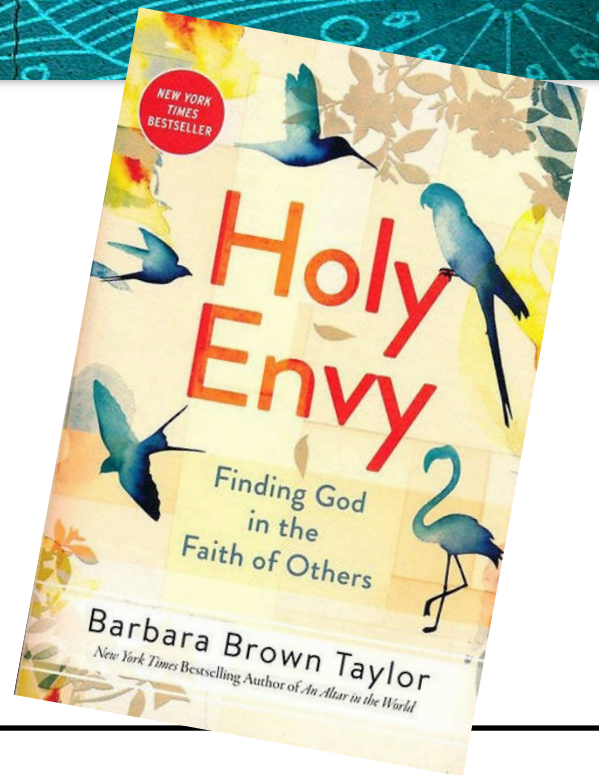


## Feminist Theology

—by Laurie Sanderson

**F**eminist Theology! We will meet again on Tuesday May 21st at 7:30 via Zoom in the Montgomery Room.

Last month we began a great discussion of Barbara Taylor Bradford's book, *Holy Envy*. Contact Laurie Sanderson, 315-420-1518 with questions.



## Common Threads Group

—by Georgette Schmidt



**T**he next meeting of Common Threads will be held on Monday, May 13th at 7:30 at the home of Georgette & Tim Schmidt. Their address is 309 Scottholm Boulevard, Syracuse, NY 13224.

All are invited to enjoy this time of fellowship where we knit, crochet, sew, embroider etc. For more information contact Georgette at 315-446-1176 or [gschmidt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gschmidt@twcny.rr.com).

## Let's Celebrate Together



**EMMA MCCLOSKEY 5/6**  
**HANNAH MCCLOSKEY 5/9**  
**GRANT DOLGE 5/11**  
**HAL BROWN III 5/12**  
**MARY POWELL 5/14**  
**REBECCA LIVENGOOD 5/18**  
**DAVID WEBB 5/18**  
**MARY BUSKE 5/18**  
**DEREK LANE 5/23**  
**TIFFANY MINER 5/23**  
**WILLSON CUMMER 5/25**

*Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know so we can*





# Hanging the New Sign

*Thank you to Bill Pitcher, Jim Doyle and David Webb.*

*Photos by Barbara Bell*



## Parking Reminder

*Please Note...*

***The handicap drop off and pick up zone in front of the church on Montgomery Street is enforced even on Sundays.***



## Serving at the Samaritan Center May 19th

—by Kira Dirghalli

**S**t. Paul's will once again help the Samaritan Center serve the Sunday meal on **May 19th, 2024**. There are two sessions where help is needed.

**Session One:** helping in the preparation of the meal. Volunteers will be needed from 9:00-12:00 AM. This morning session needs 3-5 people.

**Session Two:** During this session the food is served, tables need to be cleaned as people take their trays to the scrapping stations, and runners to take the used dishes to the dish room, to be cleaned; juice, water and coffee servers are needed, sweepers and spill cleaners while the meal is served, and dining room cleaned for the next day. 15-17 people are required from 12:30-3:00

God is asking us to help those less fortunate than us. They are our brothers and sisters and like us, children of God.



Please let me know when you are able to help Sunday May 19th. If you are not able to help that day, maybe a contribution to St. Paul's marked for the Samaritan Center will help pay for the meal.

thank you

**SPECIAL 3 WEEK SERIES**

# Bible Study

**SUNDAYS | 11 AM**

Three Sundays when we have single 9:30 AM services, a bible study will begin at 11 am.

**June 30, July 7, and July 14**

The topic is "Paul's 7 Authentic Letters".



# Thank You YMCA Outreach Volunteers

—by Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison for St. Paul's YMCA Seniors Outreach Ministry

**I**t was a cold, blustery day March 20, the 2nd day of spring. Despite winter's late intervention, ten volunteers happily showed up at the senior residence of the Downtown YMCA. An Easter coffee and donuts social was hosted by St. Paul's and we delivered lovely hand crafted greeting cards and beautiful mum plants to the 30 senior apartments.

A big thank you to Chuck Stewart, David Morgan, DJ Igelsrud, Doug Mouncey, Hal Brown III, Jeanne Avery, Michele Goldstein, Ruth Brown and Sophie Harris for participating in this YMCA social. A special thanks to Margaret Sherman and the Sunday school children and staff for making the greeting cards.

A huge thank you to Chuck Stewart who started the Y ministry and to Barry Pickard and Ruth Brown for financially supporting the ministry.

Our efforts are sincerely appreciated by the Downtown YMCA residents and staff. We look forward to our next social with our Downtown YMCA friends.





# Gardening at St. Paul's

—by Betsy Elkins

**O**ur cleanup day at St. Paul's on Sunday April 21 included a bit of gardening clean up. We pulled some very large dandelions and removed some trash from the gardens on E. Fayette St. and on Montgomery Street. The real work will begin in a month or so when more plants have presented themselves from their winter's rest. We will place some mulch around the plants to keep the weeds down and the moisture in the ground. And we will assess where we might add more plants as needed to fill in some empty spaces.



Many thanks to Tim Cassavaw for planting the bulbs last fall that are now blooming and making our garden look so lovely in the early spring.

If you are interested in helping us maintain the garden throughout the summer, please contact me or Tim. Our hope is that this will only require a little weeding and watering.

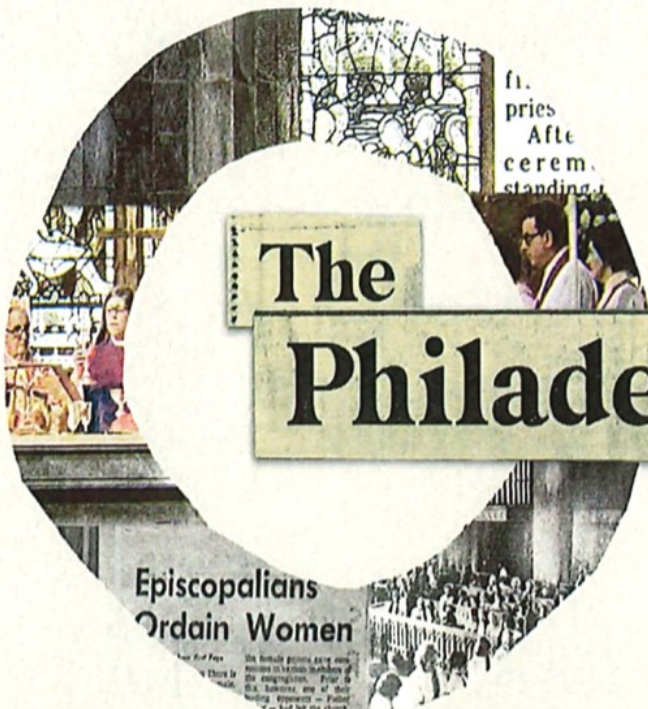
We may be under construction inside, but we can still look beautiful on the outside and our downtown neighbors enjoy our gardens as they pass by.

# Earth Day Clean Up at St. Paul's



Photos by DJ Igelsrud, Betsy Elkins and Rev. Major





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The film screening will be followed  
by a panel discussion with:  
The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe  
The Rev. Canon Megan Castellan



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## May 2

Cinema Paradiso  
Memphis, TN

## May 14

The Main Cinema  
Minneapolis, MN

Nickelodeon 6  
Portland, ME

Michigan Theater  
Ann Arbor, MI

Broadway Centre Cinemas  
Salt Lake City, UT

Regal Destiny  
Syracuse, NY

Tara 4  
Atlanta, GA

Gateway 20 - Regal  
Austin, TX

## May 21

Harkins Shea 14  
Scottsdale, AZ

DCTV  
New York, NY

Bryn Mawr Film Institute  
Philadelphia, PA

AFI Silver Theater  
Siver Spring, MD

Contact the office at [assistant@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyr.org) if you are interested in attending with a group from St. Paul's.



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\*The Syracuse Pops Chorus has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in May of 2025!  
Your donation could help us get there!

The Syracuse Pops Chorus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Financial support comes  
primarily from membership dues, grants, and contributions from donors like you.  
All donations to the Syracuse Pops Chorus are tax deductible.





## May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 2, 4:30 pm, SPC Readers—Montgomery Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, May 5, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 5, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 pm, Society for New Music Concert at St. Paul's

Monday, May 6, 12:00 pm, Bible Study-Brewster Room

Monday, May 6, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting —Montgomery Zoom

Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 pm, Open Doors Steering Committee—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 9, 4:30 pm, SPC Readers—Montgomery Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, May 12, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 12, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Monday, May 13, 12:00 pm, Bible Study in the Brewster Room

Monday, May 13, 1:00 pm, Pastoral Care Meeting in the Brewster Room

Monday, May 13, 7:30 pm, Common Threads 309 Scottholm Blvd Syracuse

Tuesday, May 14, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room

Tuesday, May 14, Time TBD, Nave Reserved for Recording

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 16, 4:30 pm, SPC Readers—Montgomery Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am, Open Pantry Drop Off at the East Fayette St Door

Sunday, May 19, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 19, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, May 19, 12:30 am, Serving at the Samaritan Center

Monday, May 20, 9:30 am, Open Doors Capital Campaign Meeting—Montgomery Zoom

Monday, May 20, 12:00 pm, Bible Study in the Brewster Room

Tuesday, May 21, 1:00 pm, Open Doors Project Management Meeting—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, May 22, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 23, 4:30 pm, SPC Readers—Montgomery Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, May 26, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 28, 10:00 am, Worship – SINGLE SERVICE Live Stream & In Person

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day Holiday—Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds Meeting—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room



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# Upcoming Concert

Society for New Music Concert

## PRIZE WINNERS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
220 E. Fayette St. Downtown Syracuse  
**Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm**

Daniel Reza Sabzghabaei Residues: I. Ostinato  
(SNM's 2023 Israel/Pellman Prize winner)

Benjamin Rieke Bloom  
(SNM's NYS Federation of Music Clubs Prize winner)

Christopher Auerbach-Brown  
Armando Bayolo (unplanned) obsolescence  
(SNM's 2023 commissioned composer)



Tickets available at the door \$20 regular, \$15 student/senior, children 18 and under free

**When you've already started  
eating and somebody says,  
"Let's Pray."**





# Open Doors Challenge Grant!

**UPDATE**

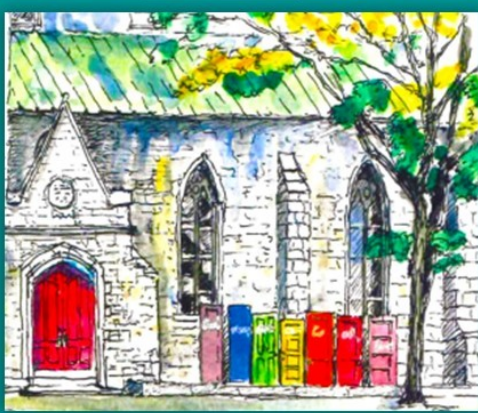
Loyal supporters of St. Paul's for four generations have issued a challenge to St. Paul's members:

If St. Paul's receives donations or pledges to Open Doors for \$50,000, they will match these contributions with another \$50,000!

Pledges and donations received between March 24th and June 30th will count toward this challenge grant. If you have been meaning to pledge or donate to Open Doors, do it now and have your gift doubled!

**As of April 15th, we have raised \$31,700 - only \$18,300 to go to secure an additional \$50,000!**

*Please contact Tom Cantwell, Cathy Wolff, or another member of the Open Doors Steering Committee (see p.2) for information about making a pledge or donation.*



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