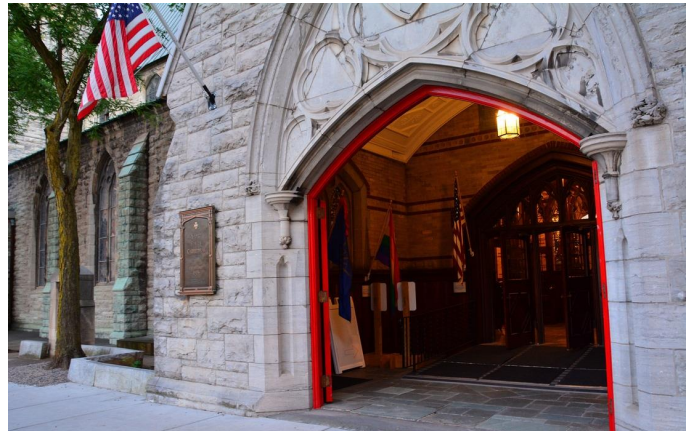


St. Paul's Syracuse, The Downtown Episcopal Church



OPEN DOORS

Preparing for Our Third Century
of Ministry in Downtown Syracuse



A parish since 1826, St. Paul's Church today provides vibrant and varied ministries in the heart of downtown Syracuse. From its present complex of buildings, St. Paul's has extended spiritual, social, and cultural ministries to the Syracuse community for more than 135 years. People of many backgrounds, interests, and nationalities pass St. Paul's enormous granite spire every day. All of God's people are invited to join its community of worship, fellowship, service, and cultural exploration as St. Paul's seeks to teach, celebrate, and serve Christ.

St. Paul's embraces events ranging from worship services to national music competitions, symphony concerts, and community celebrations. Its long history of service to the community includes cofounding and housing the Samaritan Center (serving the hungry and those in need) for 34 years, establishing The Caring Place to provide a relationship-based ministry for vulnerable members of the community, installing the Open Pantry to respond to food insecurities, providing a free Summer Day Camp, offering Weekly Soup Lunches, and reaching out to our neighbors at the YMCA Senior Program. Worship lies at the center of St. Paul's, where we offer traditional Episcopal communion services with choir and organ, contemporary and traditional special celebrations, and South Sudanese prayer services.

Recognizing the unused potential of our buildings and the need for preservation, restoration, and accessibility upgrades, St. Paul's established the Open Doors campaign. The campaign will allow the church to achieve a comprehensive rehabilitation of St. Paul's historic 1909 Parish House and preservation of the 1883 Hadley Chapel. The planned changes will ensure a future of worship, service, and community engagement for generations to come.

We hope that you will become a part of our vision and our mission by contributing to the Open Doors campaign. Please join us as we prepare for our third century of ministry in downtown Syracuse.



Our Goal

Open Doors seeks to raise a total of \$1.7 million to restore and improve the Parish House/Chapel complex. Thanks to the efforts of a skilled, faithful group of members, St. Paul's has already secured \$807,000 in historic preservation grants from the state of New York and the National Fund for Sacred Places, as well as a lead pledge of \$300,000 from a generous donor, bringing the total raised to more than \$1 million (over 65% of our goal). To complete this vital work, we will need the financial support of each of our members and many friends of St. Paul's.

Our Needs At A Glance

The Open Doors campaign is the largest capital improvement project at St. Paul's since 1958. Its four purposes are: developing improved space for mission; increasing universal access; renovating our facilities to make them safe and energy efficient; and preserving our beautiful, historic buildings.

Preserve the Parish House/Chapel Complex

Uses: Six to 20 community and church groups use the Parish House each week.

Needs: Five new roofs; restoration of windows, masonry, and wood trim.

New Entrance From Parking Lot/New Bathrooms

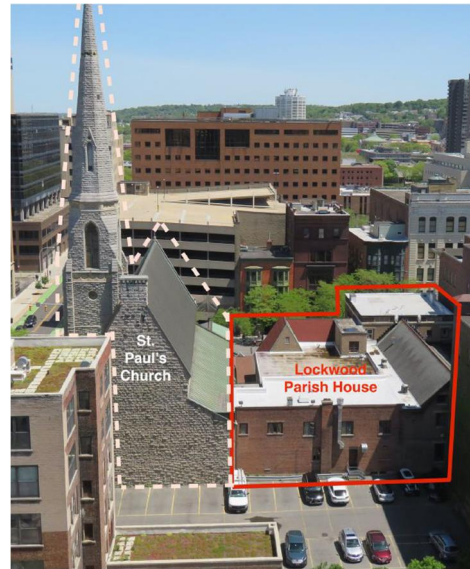
Uses: Church services, weddings, and funerals; concerts by Symphoria, Syracuse Community Choir, Solstice at the Cathedral, and others; community events like Crime Victims Vigil, World Interfaith Harmony Assembly.

Needs: New, accessible, double-door entrance from parking lot; accessible bathrooms with more toilets.

Hadley Chapel/Brewster Room/Hansen Dining Room

Uses: Small church services, church school, social gatherings, meetings; 12-step groups; receptions and special events.

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Needs: New, accessible entrance from Montgomery Street; improved lighting and acoustics in Chapel; new third door into Brewster Room; media wall

with speakers, projector, and video conference capability; improved storage.

The Caring Place Mission Space

Uses: Dedicated space for The Caring Place.

Needs: New security gates at both ends of alley next to Parish House; new, accessible entrance with new stairs and lift; new, accessible bathrooms; improvements to flooring, walls, doors, and lighting; life safety improvements (electrical, sprinklers, security, and fire alarm).

310 Montgomery Street

Uses: 1st floor - church offices; 2nd floor - artist studios, practice rooms, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices; 3rd floor - two one-bedroom apartments for emergency or permanent housing for those in need.

Needs: New, accessible, grade-level street entrance and vestibule; 4-stop elevator to provide access to all levels of first and second floors; new steps between grade level and first floor and between two levels on second floor; new flooring, paint, and appliances to make apartments fresh and livable.



Our Ministry

From September through May, the main floor of St. Paul's is filled with the activities of church and non-church groups seven days a week. St. Paul's beautiful sanctuary, reception areas, and commercial grade kitchen, as well as its central location (close to I-81 and on the most attractive street in downtown Syracuse) make this parish an extremely attractive location for community partners.



Worship/Fellowship

In addition to its regular Sunday morning worship services, St. Paul's offers a weekly healing service; a monthly service geared toward millennials; and special services such as Compline, Choral Evensong, Advent Lessons and Carols, Taizé, and a full schedule of Holy Week services. Most services are followed by a time of fellowship. In 2021, St. Paul's offers nine distinct weekly or monthly fellowship opportunities for our members.

"What impressed me when I first visited St. Paul's was the beautiful nave and its stained glass windows, which made me feel instantly at home. Today, we should do everything possible to preserve St. Paul's and improve access to its buildings, so that all people can worship and enjoy the many activities that take place there."

— Wendy Hoblyn Jones, member, St. Paul's Syracuse



Community Engagement

Thousands of Syracuse-area community members come to St. Paul's to attend concerts by Symphoria, Syracuse Community Choir, Solstice at the Cathedral, and other musical and cultural events. St. Paul's

provides a visually and acoustically stunning musical venue with a prized Moeller pipe organ. The Campaign will enable increased access and comfort for attendees.

"I believe St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a treasure for the Syracuse community. Not only is the structure historically important from an architectural point of view, the venue is a magnificent space to attend Symphoria concerts and other musical events. We are very lucky to have this in the center of downtown."

— Gary A. Grossman, Co-Managing Partner, Grossman St. Amour CPAs



Weekly Soup Lunches, prepared by St. Paul's volunteers, provide food and fellowship for those who live or work downtown. The small lunch fee is fully donated to the Samaritan Center (\$4,590 in 2019). In addition, St. Paul's opens its doors to the larger community with an annual Neighborhood Picnic and Rummage Sale, weekly 12-Step Programs, and monthly Movie Nights and First Friday Dinners.

Community Care

The Caring Place is a safe community of hospitality where healthy, caring relationships develop and individuals are supported through conversation, snacks, and fellowship. The ministry fills a gap in service identified by St. Paul's members with leaders of social service agencies and the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. Open Doors will make improvements to space for The Caring Place to absorb the growing numbers of community members who need a welcoming environment in which to engage.



"God bless you." "Thank you." "You're a life saver."
— **Comments made by St. Paul's The Caring Place ministry participants**



The *Open Pantry* (Take What You Need; Give What You Can) is an outdoor cabinet for non-perishable food items, open to all passers-by. Downtown neighbors join church members in helping to keep the pantry stocked.

St. Paul's continues its special volunteer relationship with the *Samaritan Center* by providing weekly volunteer help and serving three dinners for an average of 200 Samaritan Center guests each year in the Center's new, expanded location.

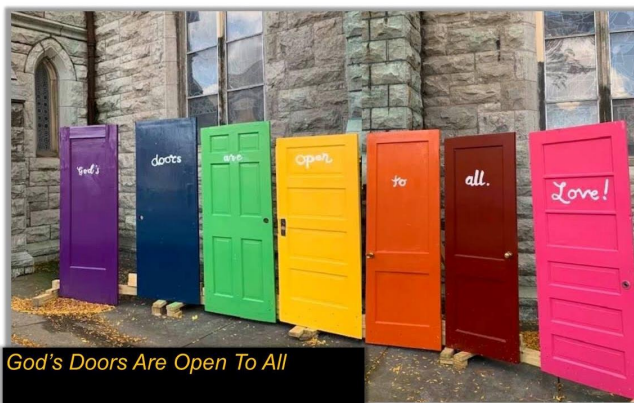


St. Paul's is an active partner in the *YMCA Senior Program*. Our members provided 30 Christmas dinner baskets with poinsettias and Christmas cards in 2020. The program engages YMCA residents in other St. Paul's community events. The Open Doors Campaign will address accessibility issues that have limited their participation in the past.

Conclusion

For almost 200 years, St. Paul's has been a cornerstone of the Syracuse community, evolving its worship, outreach, and ministry to meet the needs of the times. The rehabilitation of our facilities is long overdue. Thank you for joining us in our mission by contributing to the Open Doors Campaign. **To Learn More or Donate, go to stpaulsyr.org or call 315-474-6053.**

"Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas gift you gave to me. What a grand surprise to see the lovely decorated bag of gifts right outside my door when I came home. It was so kind and thoughtful of you all to put that special Christmas gift together for me. Thank you again. In His Love."
— **YMCA Senior Program participant Christine D.**



A recent study by Partners for Sacred Places established that St. Paul's annually generates more than \$1 million in economic value to our community.