

St Paul's Syracuse

# The Courier

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Downtown Syracuse, New York

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## Our Altar Guild

Ellyn Hass, DJ Igelsrud, Georgette Schmidt, Tim Schmidt, Ruth Brown, Father Philip, Joe Russo



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



# Remembering Why We Started

by Fr. Philip

*For those who want to save their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.*

Luke 9:24

*The church is the only organization on earth that exists  
for the benefit of those who are not members.*

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-1944)

Dear people of St. Paul's,

**T**wo years ago, our members spent many hours making final preparations for *Open Doors*. We removed paintings and bulletin boards from our walls. We removed everything from the kitchen. The crew from Drulyk construction began their work in September of 2023.

Many of us, including me, are a bit discouraged about the fact that almost two years have passed, and the work is not complete. There is some grief for me in the fact that several members have died in the past two years. Many of them made generous donations to *Open Doors*. I am sad when I consider they will never see *Open Doors* completed.

Then I remember why Harry Lewis, Neva Pilgrim, John Jones and others gave so generously to *Open Doors*. I am sure they would have been delighted to use the new door into St. Paul's from the parking lot, or to use the new, expanded toilet rooms. Yet I know this was not their motivation for making a contribution to *Open Doors*.

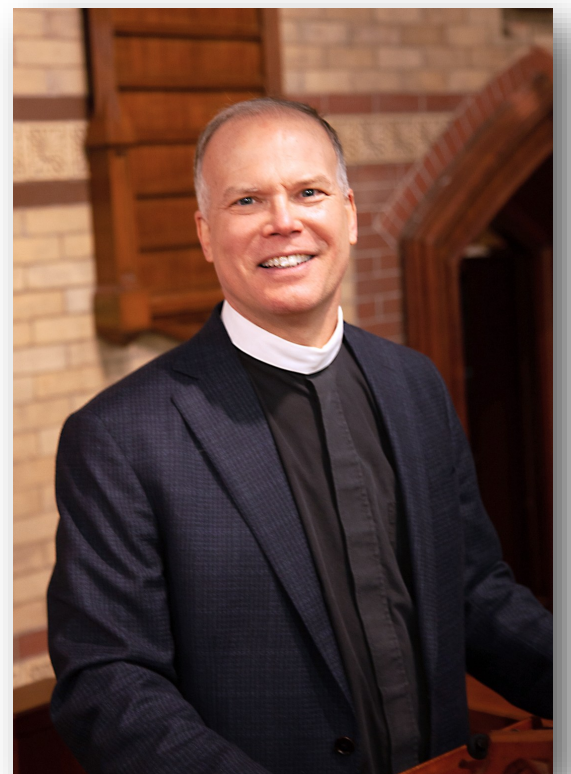
Our members wanted to ensure that new generations of members, people coming to St. Paul's for the first time in 2025, 2030 or 2040, would have full and better use of these beautiful, historic buildings that have been given to us to use and care for. They were following the example of Christ in doing something for the sake of others, not for themselves.

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Ten years ago, a group of members, led by Becky Livengood, began planning for a renovation of St. Paul's Church, a construction project that would eventually be named *Open Doors*. Five years ago, we stated our goals for the project:

- Improved space for **mission**
- Increase **universal access**
- **Renovate** our facilities
- **Preserve** our beautiful, historic buildings

The first three goals are easy to see, and are often front of mind for us as disciples of Jesus. Jesus made it plain that we show our love of God through our care for those who need it most. So creating improved space for mission has been an integral part of *Open Doors* from day 1. Three years ago, we began working with *A Tiny Home for Good* to support them in a significant expansion of their work through the creation of ten studio apartment residences for older men who have experienced homelessness. (See pages 4 and 14 for more)





Jesus was also especially concerned to include those who were often marginalized and excluded in his time and place, including those with physical disabilities. So improving accessibility to our building has been a second priority of *Open Doors*. *Open Doors* includes highly visible improvements to our accessibility, including the new accessible entrance from the parking lot, the accessible entrance from Montgomery Street, and the elevator to the second floor. Our third goal for the project, to renovate our facilities, will be easily seen and appreciated in the new, expanded toilet facilities in the Sargent Foyer.

Unlike the first three goals, the final goal of *Open Doors*, the preservation of these beautiful, historic buildings, is more difficult to see. The preservation component of *Open Doors* includes:

- Repairing, and in some cases replacing, the windows of the Parish House building. (There are more than 80 windows!)
- Repairs to the masonry and trim of the Parish House.
- Replacing all of the roofs of the Parish House.

Near the end of May our contractors began removing one of the last roofs to be replaced. It's a small, nearly flat roof between the Hadley Chapel and the Church building. This roof covers a hallway that leads to the front of the church (near the altar). We've been having terrible leaks through the ceiling and walls of this hallway for many years. When the contractors removed the old roof, we found out why we've had so much damage in this hallway.



The roof decking and rafters were so rotten and deteriorated that the construction could pull off large chunks of wood with their bare hands. Underneath the crumbling roof they found an even older roof, about 2 feet below. Even though it was a sunny day, there was water flowing down this older roof, down to the back of the hallway where water has been flowing into our building for several years.



This is why we started. We started this enormous construction project because everything built by human hands eventually crumbles to dust and has to be rebuilt. We started *Open Doors* because in our city there are many homeless people who need safe, respect-filled places to live. We started *Open Doors* because when we have really large services or the Syracuse Orchestra plays at St. Paul's, we don't want women to be standing in long lines waiting to use the toilets. We started *Open Doors* because Jesus didn't want people to be excluded from God's community because of physical disabilities, and neither do we.

We started *Open Doors*, not for us, but so that new generations of people who are hungry for the love of God, people who long to be part of a community where each person is encouraged and respected as a child of God, might be able to find what they are searching for at St. Paul's.

*Phyllis +*



# Summer Worship Schedule

**S**t. Paul's will hold one worship service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. through August 31st. The Nursery portion of the Hadley Chapel will be open and staffed through the summer months.

## Important Bicentennial Survey

by DJ Igelsrud and the Promotional Goods Committee

**T**he Bicentennial Promotional Goods Committee is asking you for your input on promotional items you may want to purchase. By wearing St. Paul's bicentennial t-shirts, golf shirts, hoodies and baseball caps, and by carrying St. Paul's logo totes, you will be showing your pride in St. Paul's and highlighting the bicentennial celebration.

Please follow the link in the eblast and fill out the survey!



## St. Paul's Partnership with *A Tiny Home For Good* Moves Forward

by Fr. Philip

**I**n 2022 St. Paul's began working with *A Tiny Home for Good (ATHFG)* to create a ministry partnership between our organizations. Our goal is to support *ATHFG* in the task of ending homelessness in Syracuse. 18 months ago we signed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the key elements of our partnership:

- \* St. Paul's will support the work of *A Tiny Home for Good* by allowing *ATHFG* full, free use of the second floor of our Parish House.

- \* *ATHFG* will build ten apartments, common areas and an office in this space and, if the terms of the lease are kept, will have use of the space for a minimum of twenty-five years.

- \* Maintenance costs and utilities for the Parish House are being apportioned so that there is negligible impact on St. Paul's expenses as a result of the project.

- The agreement is structured so that the two organizations will not be providing direct financial support to one another.



Fr. Philip, Betsy Elkins & Andrew Lunetta, founder of *ATHFG*

Our goal is to support *ATHFG* as their organization continues to grow, and they create a senior housing facility, especially intended to provide a supportive environment for their long-time residents as they mature.

On June 18th we took the next step in our partnership by signing the lease agreement with *ATHFG*. This provides *ATHFG* with an essential ingredient as they work to secure the remainder of the funding needed for their project.



# Rev. Sarah Palsma Elected President, RCA General Synod

by Phyllis Palsma

**T**his past July the Reformed Church in America (RCA) gathered for its annual General Synod meeting in Tucson, Arizona. This gathering is similar to the Episcopal Church Tri-annual General Convention. Denominational governance policies are determined, budgets passed, various ministries are celebrated and recognized, and leadership in the church is called forth and affirmed. Delegates come from all over the RCA, including places outside of the United States.



Phyllis and Nolan Palsma are members of St. Paul's Church and are retired ministers in the RCA. They are also the parents of Rev. Sarah Palsma who was then vice-president of the RCA General Synod. Present in Tucson when Sarah was elected as the General Synod President for the coming year, Phyllis and Nolan were humbled and proud to witness her election and installation into this unique calling to leadership. Flooding through their minds were memories of how, since her baptism as an infant, the church has affirmed and called forth Sarah's God-given gifts and skills.

The RCA has its historic roots in the Netherlands and came to America with Dutch settlers in the 1620s. For almost 400 years, the RCA has had a continuous presence on the North American continent. Sarah is the youngest woman to be elected president in General Synod history. While serving as President, she will continue to serve as Co-Pastor of New Hope Church in Powell, Ohio, where she began her ordained ministry 11 years ago.

Sarah steps into the office of President of the General Synod after serving as Vice-President for the past year. It is a significant time of transition and change for the RCA. In recent years, the RCA, like the Episcopal Church a few years ago and many other main-line denominations, has lost several congregations due to issues of power, money and human sexuality. In her speech after being elected, she reflected on the church's navigation through those rough waters of division and heartbreak.

She said "Confession. There have been bitter, angry tears that I have wept over the story of this church and this denomination. And I know some of you could probably confess the same thing. And it has been a joy to experience a different kind of tears at synod this year. Tears of healing, and tears of joy." Sarah assumes leadership of a church that is restructuring its governance and becoming increasingly multicultural and multiracial. She concluded her speech: "The work isn't done, friends. God is still calling us to go back to our local context and do this work of restructuring the foundation of our denomination and how we operate as a church. But never forget that the true foundation of the church is Jesus Christ our Lord."



*Sarah, Nolan & Phyllis Palsma*



# Junior Warden's Report

By Ieva Doyle, Junior Warden

**I**t's always nice when summer comes, bringing along hopes for some much-needed down time. This summer, we wish Father Philip a wonderful time of rest, relaxation and renewal during his upcoming vacation, scheduled for July 16 – August 5 and August 14 – August 29.



Father Philip has also scheduled professional time away to attend a CREDO conference from September 29 – October 7. CREDO conference participants explore ways to support personal well-being, a healthy life, and a vibrant ministry.

The following people will fill in for Father Philip during Sunday worship services this summer:

July 20 - The Rev. Georgina Hegney, with the Rev. Nolan Palsma preaching

July 27 - Morning prayer led by the Reverends Phyllis and Nolan Palsma

August 3 - The Rev. Georgina Hegney

August 17 - The Rev. Georgina Hegney

August 24 - Morning prayer led by Joe Russo

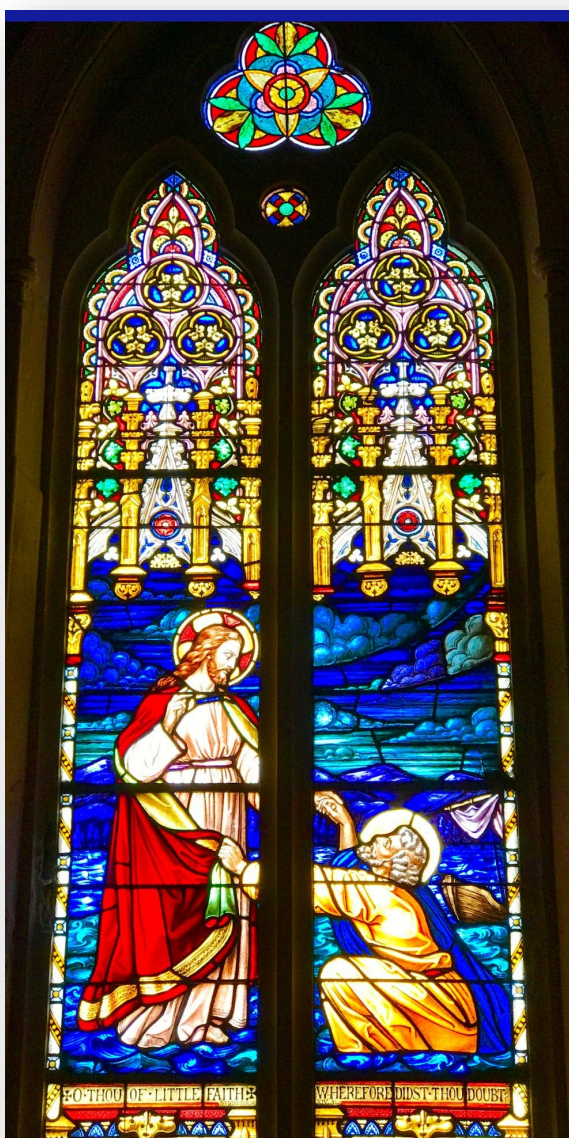
While Father Philip is away, your Wardens and Vestry continue to be available to handle any questions, administrative and pastoral care needs that may arise. Please contact me (315-278-5807) or Senior Warden Joe Moorman (315-882-5043) any time.

Everyone needs time for rest, relaxation and renewal, and we're happy that Father Philip is taking this time. We live in the assurance that the Holy Spirit will carry on its work in and among the people of St. Paul's while he's away.

## Tour of our Stained Glass Windows

**Sunday July 13**

Doug Mouncey will be leading a tour of our beautiful windows. Meet him in the nave after the service.





# Senior Warden's Report

By Joe Moorman, Senior Warden

**M**any of us are at St. Paul's because of a hunger; a hunger for a meaning to our lives, a hunger to know of a higher purpose in the world, or a hunger to be part of a community with the common aspiration of loving one another. This longing for a meaning, a purpose, or connection beyond the material world is a spiritual hunger. But there is also physical hunger among our neighbors right on East Fayette Street in Syracuse.



If you stand outside St. Paul's at almost any hour of the day, you will see someone stopping and checking the Open Pantry, hoping to find something to eat. The Open Pantry is stocked twice daily with donated items and it is always empty shortly afterwards. In fact, Jim Doyle, who leads the Open Pantry service group, tracked how often people take something from the Open Pantry. He counted over 3,300 times in a year; an average of more than 9 times a day.

The importance of this street ministry was just recognized by our Episcopal Diocese with a \$2,500 grant to support our efforts; a testament to the commitment our members have made to enhance the dignity and worth of any person in need. This grant represents between 20 and 25 percent of the \$10,000 - \$12,000 worth of food St. Paul's provides annually.

"Feeding the hungry has been a mission of St. Paul's for more than 40 years."

Feeding the hungry has been a mission of St. Paul's for more than 40 years, ever since seven downtown churches organized Samaritan Center to provide daily bagged lunches to the food insecure. Samaritan Center was located in St. Paul's until 2015 when it moved to the former St. John the Evangelist Church on North State Street where it could expand its services. It now offers hot meals 365 days a year, serving more than 88,000 meals annually

In March of this year, the Food Bank of Central New York prepared to lose about 1.7 million pounds of food shipments during the Spring, after the Trump administration cut funding for two local food assistance programs. The new budget bill championed by President Trump calls for cutting \$295 billion in federal spending over the next decade from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as SNAP, or food stamps. Such a budget cut that will increase the demand for food at local food banks and eventually, even small operations like The Open Pantry. And if that is not disturbing enough, food banks anticipate increased prices for food they purchase because of tariffs on steel that have raised the cost of canned food.

There is a difference between a typical food pantry and our Open Pantry. A typical food pantry, usually once a month, provides families with food items that can be prepared for a household. When you see someone taking food from the Open Pantry it is most likely an individual experiencing hunger. The food that we supply usually consists of items that can be eaten right away or with minimal preparation. In the coming years, as food insecurity is spread across more members of society, I fear we may see more individuals, and perhaps even families, turning to the Open Pantry as the source of a meal.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we all will be asked when we ever saw him hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help him. I encourage your continued support of the Open Pantry. I believe this ministry will become more vital than ever before, and it is another way for St. Paul's to minister to our downtown brothers and sisters..



# Who is the New Face Offering Healing Prayers?

by Denise McAndrew

**D**uring communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness are offered at the Peace Altar. The sacrament aims for both transformation and wholeness, offering physical healing but also spiritual comfort and strength. It is done not only for illness but also for anyone in need of healing for themselves or others. The sacramental oil is used as an outward sign of God's active presence and grace for healing the spirit, mind and body.



Here at St. Paul's the Rev. Perry Mouncey and Laurie Sanderson have led this ministry for several years, with Fr. Philip taking a turn whenever he is able. You may have noticed a "new" face offering prayers for healing and wholeness. That is me, Denise McAndrew. I just wanted everyone to have a little information about me.

I was a member of St. Paul's from 1987 to 2012 and have just recently returned back to St. Paul's. I have in the past helped with prayers for healing and am very happy to be a part of this again! I have been a nurse for 42 years and am now retired. During my practice I performed Reiki for some of my patients to provide them comfort and try to help restore balance and harmony within their body, mind and spirit. I hope that my years of experience working with those in need, along with offering the sacramental oil of healing, will be supportive for my fellow parishioners here at St. Paul's. I thank Father Philip, Perry and Laurie for giving me this opportunity and I hope I can be of help to anyone in need.

## Bicentennial History

# The Erie Canal and the Impact it had on St. Paul's

by Laurie Sanderson

**A** brief part of our history. As many of you know, our 200th anniversary will be in 2026 and why is that? Because the Erie Canal was completed in October of 1825. The Erie Canal helped Syracuse to grow. Before the canal, this part of what would be Syracuse was a swampy area with some houses on stilts. As the building of the canal grew and came closer the village of Syracuse began to grow. The local Episcopal church was more up on Onondaga Hill area.



But our forefathers observing what the canal was stimulating in growth, decided they should move closer to the canal. And so the journey began. The Baptist church was first followed by the Presbyterians. The first building was created in 1827, as they quickly outgrew it, a larger one was created in 1841, and finally the cornerstone for the church we gather in today was laid in 1884. So while they were the third, they are the only one of the three left in the downtown area! We have much to share in the months to follow!



# Haiti Education Mission Update

by Georgette Schmidt

**A**nother school year has come to a close in Haiti. Even though school is out, the school lunch program will continue to provide a daily meal to the children in the villages of Paulette and Phaeton. The lunch program is funded by the deLaski Family Foundation and administered by the Haiti Education Mission and the Haitian grassroots non-profit called FEED. Parent volunteers prepare and serve the lunches at the FEED

headquarters. Below are photos of children enjoying their daily meal at school. For some it is the only meal each day.



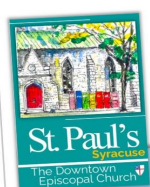
Fourteen years ago, the Haiti Education Mission purchased 10 tables and 100 chairs for the FEED

headquarters. The chairs are now in need of replacement. They have been used on a daily basis. Recently one of the elderly citizens fell off of a chair because it broke while he was sitting on it at the medical clinic. If anyone would like to donate for replacement chairs, it

would be greatly appreciated. Below is a photo of one of the chairs in need of replacement. Please see Georgette if you would like to fund a chair. You can also donate on our website.



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## The deadline for the September Courier is Tuesday, August 17

Please send articles as an attachment using Word or Google Docs or another common word processing program.  
And send any photos as JPG files.

A reminder: Please do not put in formatting such as **indents or bullets**.  
We will add those during editing.



# Meet Your Bicentennial Steering Committee

By BSC Co-Chairs, Derina Samuel and Anita Wagner

**S**t. Paul's Church will kick off its bicentennial year on Saturday, May 16, 2026 with a commemorative, community-wide event, followed by a worship service and celebratory dinner on Friday, May 22, 2026, for the St. Paul's congregation and friends.

To coordinate these kickoff events, as well as other opportunities for celebration and service through April 2027, your Bicentennial Steering Committee (BSC) began meeting monthly in February. The BSC is comprised of eight task force chairs (see below); wardens (Joe Moorman, Ieva Doyle); Fr. Philip; Judy McAdoo-Pelton; and co-chairs Derina Samuel and Anita Wagner. Although the BSC typically meets via Zoom, we had the joy of meeting in person at the Wagners' home on July 24, and sharing a scrumptious potluck supper.

In addition to invaluable assistance from church staff (Fr. Philip, Judy McAdoo-Pelton, Jim Potts, and Doug Mouncey), many St. Paul's members are already helping with preparations – about 30 people so far. Some folks are serving on task forces for the duration, while others are helping with individual projects. If you are not yet serving, and one of these areas speaks to your heart, please chat with the task force chair to see how and when you might help.



*L to R: Betsy Elkins, Joe Russo, Judy McAdoo-Pelton (staff), Joe Moorman, DJ Igelsrud, Father Philip (staff), Catherine Gerard  
L to R: Derina Samuel (co-chair), Marion Greenhalgh, Amy Mangram, Anita Wagner (co-chair)*

- **History** – Numerous projects are underway to write articles and create visual displays to honor and reflect on the rich history of St. Paul's. Help is needed for specific projects, especially if you like to write. Contact Marion Greenhalgh.
- **Events** – Our goal is to hold an event or service project each month. Have an idea? Want to help with a specific event or project? Contact Joe Moorman.
- **Building** – After the *Open Doors* construction teams have completed their work, many finishing touches around the church property are needed to 'get back to normal.' Want to help? Contact Fr. Philip.



- *Promotional Goods* – How will we get the St. Paul's name 'out there' through various promotional items, signage, and more? Have an idea? Contact DJ Igelsrud.
- *Community* – How can we make deeper connections with the Syracuse community through our bicentennial celebrations? Have ideas? Want to help? Contact Betsy Elkins.
- *Future Directions* – Through sharing stories, let's create a vision statement to help guide St. Paul's in the period after the bicentennial. This process will get underway this fall. Want to know more? Contact Joe Russo.
- *Open Doors Donor Wall* – St. Paul's bicentennial will be celebrated soon after the completion of the Open Doors project. To keep schedules in sync, Catherine Gerard, chair of the *Open Doors* Donor Wall task force, has kept the BSC apprised of design selection, installation, and commemoration. Watch for announcements soon!
- *Tiny Homes Partnership* – The construction of the ATHFG (A Tiny Home for Good) apartments will likely be occurring during St. Paul's bicentennial year. The *Tiny Homes Partnership* task force considers when and how we are welcoming ATHFG residents and staff into their facilities and the broader community of St. Paul's Church. Want to know more? Contact Amy Mangram.

As BSC co-chairs, we are deeply grateful for the time, creativity, and dedication of so many already involved, and we invite more folks to join in the fun. This already has been, and undoubtedly will continue to be, a Spirit-filled adventure!

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# Downtown Arts & Crafts Festival

## July 25-27 Can you Help?

By Betsy Elkins

**A**s you likely know the annual Downtown Arts and Crafts Festival that is set up right outside our doors on Montgomery Street will be held on Friday July 25—Sunday July 27. Once upon a time we held a fabulous rummage sale during this event that attracted 100's of folks into our buildings. And these visitors always enjoyed experiencing the beauty and quiet of our sanctuary as they entered through the door from E. Fayette Street.

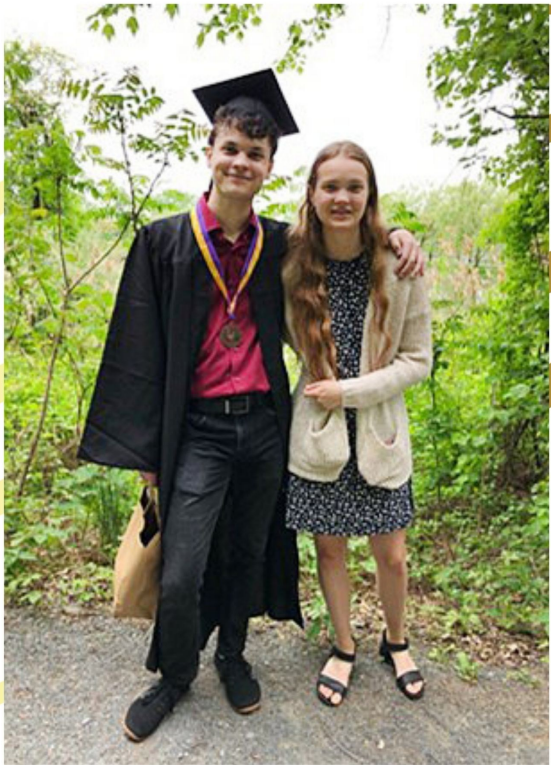
While we can't mount a rummage sale this year due to Open Doors work, we can invite tired festival visitors to come into our sanctuary to rest, cool off, use a toilet room and grab a drink of cold water. Doug Mouncey has offered to set up a display of his pottery for sale to benefit Open Doors.

We plan to have the door to E. Fayette Street open on each of the festival days from 11-3 and will need at least 3 people on site during this time to welcome and help any visitors. We have set up a schedule of two hours (11-1 and 1-3) for each of these days. Can you help? There is a sign-up sheet in the church adjacent to the coffee hour schedule or you may contact Betsy Elkins or Doug Mouncey.





CLASS *of* 2025  
SUNY ALBANY



*Gabriel Cuello*

GRANDSON OF TIM & GEORGETTE SCHMIDT

Gabriel is moving back to Syracuse to work for  
Housing Visions

CLASS *of* 2025  
SKYVIEW ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL



*Imani Iverson*

GRANDDAUGHTER OF DJ IGELSRUD

Imani graduated from Skyview Academy High School in  
Aurora, Colorado. She will be attending Colorado State  
University majoring in business administration.

CLASS *of* 2025  
HOOD RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



*Katherine Godkin*

NIECE OF TOM CANTWELL

Katherine will be attending  
University of Rhode Island Honors College

CLASS *of* 2025  
SUNY DOWNSTATE



*Jesigine Handler*

DAUGHTER IN LAW OF LIZ HANDLER

Jesigine received her masters in public health from SUNY  
Downstate. She is currently working at Presbyterian  
Hospital in Brooklyn as an electrical engineer. She has  
plans to move into the administrative side of hospital care  
once funding comes through.



CLASS *of* 2025  
CAZENOVIA HIGH SCHOOL



*Tucker Ives*  
GRANDSON OF  
JEANNE AVERY

Tucker will be attending Clarkson University majoring in Engineering Management. He will also be a goalie for their lacrosse team.

CLASS *of* 2025  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL



*Matayis Mouncey*  
GRANDSON OF THE  
REV. PERRY & DOUG MOUNCEY

Matayis is also the son of former St. Paul's member, Nathaniel, and Kirsti. Academically he finished in the top 3% of 408 graduates and served as captain of the varsity soccer, lacrosse and hockey teams. Matayis will attend the University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH.

CLASS *of* 2025  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT



*Jacob Ives*  
GRANDSON OF  
JEANNE AVERY

Jacob graduated from University of Vermont with a special interest in environmental research.





# Celebrating Our Partnership with A Tiny Home For Good

By Amy Mangram



What have our partners at A Tiny Home For Good (ATHFG) been up to? Plenty—and it's all good news for our community.



## Lease Approval Milestone

ATHFG and our parish have reached a major milestone: the lease for the second floor of the Parish House has been approved by all stakeholders and officially signed. This critical step advances our shared vision to convert that space into apartments, community space and office space for the use of ATHFG staff and 10 tenants.

## More Than Just Housing: Keith's Story

ATHFG's commitment goes beyond providing a roof. Their holistic approach shines through in the story of Keith, one of their tenants:

**Health Checkup** When Keith began experiencing symptoms, the ATHFG social worker, Lori, arranged a visit to a free dental clinic.

**Coordinated Care** That initial appointment uncovered salivary gland cancer. From there, Lori lined up follow-up screenings and specialist visits.

**Community Support** Transportation to appointments was a concern—until another tenant, Joe, stepped in. Joe agreed to drive Keith to his medical visits in exchange for a rent credit, forging a true act of neighborly care.

When A Tiny Home For Good provides housing, they don't stop at four walls and a door. They meet tenants where they are and champion their long-term success—truly tipping the scales in favor of stability and hope. The complete story is on their website, and has been published in their social media accounts. I encourage you to subscribe to their email list or social media accounts so you can stay up to date on the wonderful ways they are bringing love to the community.

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# St. Paul's Members Get The Job Finished!

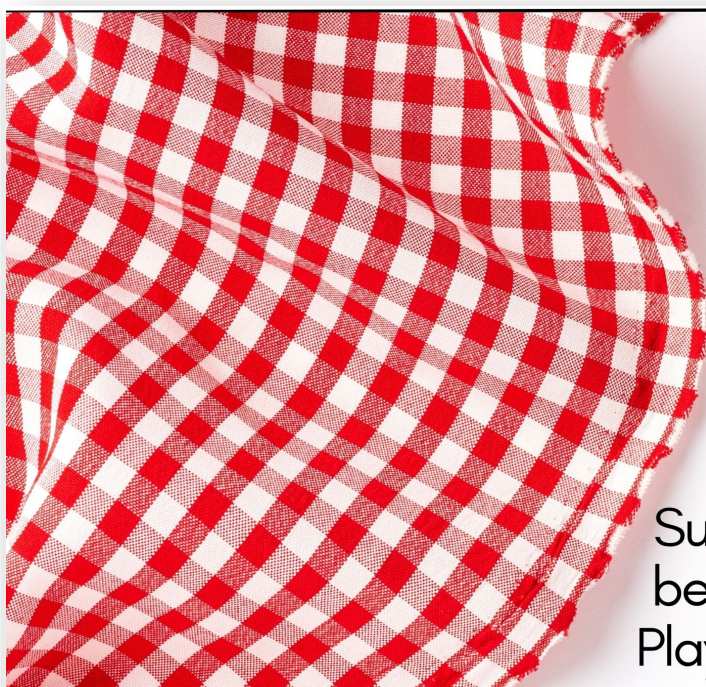
By Fr. Philip

- A**bout one year ago we began working through the details of projects that would not be covered by our *Open Doors* contract:
- Replacing the old, broken light fixtures in the kitchen.
  - Building a storage room on the first floor of the Parish House that would be the right size for St. Paul's.
  - Removing several old, rotten structures from the alley next to the dining room.
  - Giving a fresh coat of paint to the kitchen.

So Betsy Elkins and I began inviting our members to lend a hand with these and other projects. One group of volunteers has met more than thirty times, on Wednesday afternoons. Thanks to their efforts, St. Paul's now has a large, bright storage room and a kitchen that looks bright and clean (with a new window), and the alley is also much cleaner and brighter.

Thank you to these members who gave generously of their skills, time, and energy:

Robert Becera, Tom Cantwell, Jim Doyle, Betsy Elkins, Catherine Gerard, Joe Moorman, Nolan and Phyllis Palsma, Bill Pitcher, Joe Russo, Tim Schmidt, Greg Tuttle, Robert Wagner, and David Webb.



## Mark Your Calendar!

# Church Picnic Sunday September 7

Sunday, September 7th, is Welcome Back Sunday. It will be the first Sunday back for our Choir and for the Godly Play program for children. To celebrate, we'll be holding a picnic in the parking lot following our 10 a.m. worship service.

St. Paul's will provide burgers and hot dogs. You're invited to bring something to share: desert, some sort of salad, or whatever you like to bring to a picnic!





## Applications for Grants from the Nan Dorr Endowment Fund

The 2024 earnings amount from this Fund - \$6,460.00 - is now available. This Fund was set up in 2011 by the Dorr Family in memory of Nan Dorr, a much-loved member of St. Paul's, who died in 2009. The fund is devoted exclusively to the Women of St. Paul's to be used for an annual project or projects for which members of the congregation are asked to submit proposals annually. A small committee is responsible for deciding on the most appropriate projects submitted and these then go to the Finance Committee and finally to the Vestry for their approval.

We are now asking members of the congregation to submit any project(s) they wish to propose and to send them in writing, with detailed specifics of costs, and the name of the person responsible for overseeing the project. We will only consider those items that are special and unusual, and which would not normally be part of the church budget. We also feel that they would be something that Nan Dorr herself would have liked.

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 2.

Once these proposals have been received, a small committee will review them carefully. If you have any questions please contact Joan Sammons at 315 446-5854.

Please submit your proposal(s) preferably via email to:  
Marion Greenhalgh at [mgreenha34@gmail.com](mailto:mgreenha34@gmail.com)

-Joan Sammons, Chair of Special Committee





*In Loving Memory*

In loving memory of our dear friend

**Harry Lewis**

**April 30, 1927 – June 23, 2025**

**whose kindness, wisdom, humor  
and beautiful smile lit up our world**

A Memorial for Harry will be held at  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church on

**Saturday, September 6 at 3:00 p.m.**

220 East Fayette St. Downtown Syracuse



*In Loving Memory*

**Jason D. Pilgrim**

A Memorial for Jason will be held at  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church on

**Saturday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m.**

Street Address: 220 East Fayette St.  
Downtown Syracuse, NY

An interment ceremony will immediately follow the church  
service. It will be held at DeWitt Cemetery across the street  
from the DeWitt Community Church.



*In Loving Memory*

**John Marsellus**

**1939 – 2025**

John D. Marsellus, a devoted civic leader, left a lasting  
legacy in Central New York through his lifelong  
commitment to community, philanthropy and  
leadership development.

He was a very generous benefactor of St. Paul's. We  
truly appreciate all the ways that John and his wife  
Candace supported St. Paul's.





# We Miss Our Kitchen —Part 2

by Betsy Elkins

**M**uch has happened in the last month to get our kitchen back online: the room has been painted, pulls on the cupboard doors and drawers have been polished (we discovered they are brass!) a window has been installed, new LED lights have been installed replacing the florescent fixtures, two obsolete doors were removed and drywall installed. It all looks wonderful, fresh and bright!

We expect our contractors will return the kitchen appliances and counters to the kitchen the end of July after the new quarry tile floor is installed. Our cleaning service is prepared to “deep” clean everything for us on a Saturday in August (4 workers all day long!)

THEN we get to work washing all the dishes, etc. and returning things to their new storage spaces. There will be a schedule posted in the church for you to sign up and help with this.

AND/or you may also help in these ways:

- Contribute funds to underwrite the deep cleaning service. (\$1,750 and worth every penny!)
- Contribute funds to replace some kitchen items

You may also select from this list of items (a kitchen wish list or registry) and buy them for the kitchen.

You may use the signup sheet in the church to indicate your gift to the kitchen.

- Dishtowels: 2 dozen
- Potholders: 1dozen
- Hot mats: 1 dozen
- Rubber spatulas of assorted sizes:- 6-8
- Lucite cutting boards: 6-8
- 1 Dish drainer
- 1 New tea kettle for the stove
- 2 sets of measuring cups and spoons
- New or gently used large gas grill for picnics at the church



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## Feminist Theology

by Laurie Sanderson

**T**he Feminist Theology group wound up it's season with a great discussion on Staying Curious, a lifelong sense of wonder and awe—an article by Kerry Becker English.

Our new season will begin again in October 15th at 7:30 via Zoom. We will be reading a book. It is strongly recommended by Derina Samuel called CALLING IN by Loretta Ross, and Derina will lead the discussion. The book is available in libraries as well as book stores. All are welcome, stay tuned!



# Children's Ministry

by Jeanne Avery, Children's Ministry Leader

**W**e are preparing for the Fall opening of the Golly Play Program.

The younger children have been invited to come each Sunday this summer, to play in their space with Kira Lake and a volunteer.



I am so appreciative of the 14 volunteers who have each taken a Sunday to make it possible

# Join the Rainbow of Colors!

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

Come Join in the Fun!

**W**e're creating a rainbow of colors for the YMCA seniors. Parishioner Joseph Von Souder will teach a watercolor class for the YMCA seniors. This will take place on Tuesday July 15 at 12:30 in the Community room at the Downtown YMCA.

If you would like to participate in this event, please get in touch with Debbie Bogan.



# Welcome to Syracuse Isiah!

*The joy of being together again!*

*Isiah Lavender (center) is now part of the SU family, joining his wife Heather and son Frazier (not pictured) in Syracuse this summer! Welcome to Syracuse Isiah!*



*Note: Judy McAdoo-Pelton, our operations manager, will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, July 16. She will be back on Monday, July 28th.*



# Women & Friends of St. Paul's

Thank you to Ruth Brown for organizing these wonderful luncheons!



## *Luncheon*

**at The Mansion on James  
with Jonathan Howell, Tenor  
and Lucas Myers, accompanist**



Thank you to Joe Moorman for these great photos.





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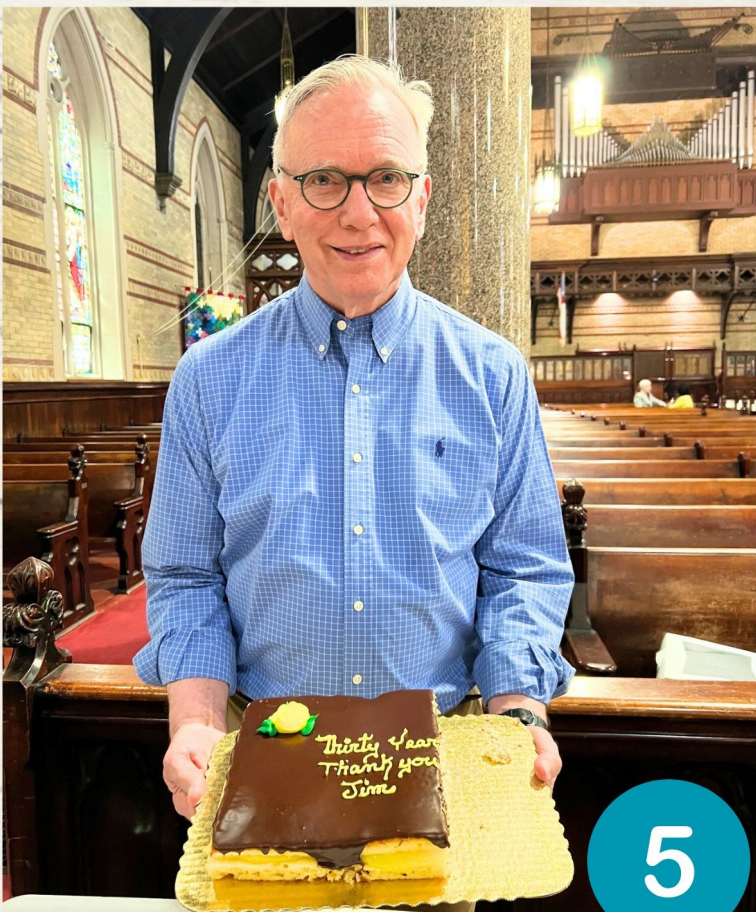
**There is always something happening around St. Paul's.**

# Church Life

1. Our Common Threads group
2. The old refrigerator finding a new home.
3. Ellyn Hass, Georgette Schmidt and DJ Igelsrud
4. Tim Schmidt and Father Philip laying the new flooring in the storage room.
5. Celebrating Jim Potts 30 years at St. Paul's as our organist and choirmaster
6. Celebrating another great year of our wonderful choir.



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# July Calendar

Sunday, July 6, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, July 6, 10:45 am, Bible Study of Luke

Monday, July 7, 1:00 pm, Executive Ministry Team Meeting—Brewster Room

Tuesday, July 8, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room

Wednesday, July 9, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, July 9, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Sunday, July 13, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, July 13, 10:45 am, Community Task Force Meeting—Brewster Room

Monday, July 14, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting —Montgomery Zoom

Tuesday, July 15, 12:30 pm, Watercolor Class at YMCA

Tuesday, July 15, 4:00 pm, Annual Worship & Events Planning—Brewster Room

Wednesday, July 16, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Saturday, July 19, 10:00-12:00 pm, Open Pantry Drop Off—Fayette St. Door

Sunday, July 20, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service— Live Stream & In Person (Guest Clergy-Rev. Georgina Hegney and Rev. Nolan Palsma)

Monday, July 21, 12:30 pm, Bicentennial History Meeting—Brewster Room

Tuesday July 22, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, July 23, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Sunday, July 27, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service— Live Stream & In Person (Guest Clergy-Rev. Phyllis Palsma)

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



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# August Calendar

Sunday, August 3, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person (Guest Clergy-Rev. Georgina Hegney)

Monday, August 4, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting—Montgomery Zoom

Tuesday, August 5, 5:00 pm, Bicentennial Steering Committee—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, August 6, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person

Tuesday, August 12, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Saturday, August 16, 10:00-12:00 pm, Open Pantry Drop Off—Fayette St. Door

Sunday, August 17, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service— Live Stream & In Person (Guest Clergy-Rev. Georgina Hegney)

Tuesday August 19, Deadline for September Courier

Wednesday, August 20, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Saturday, August 23, 10:00 am, Choir Get Together/Planning Meeting—Chase Choir Room





TERRI TUTTLE 7/2  
MARCIA ANDERSON 7/8  
HARRY LAMBRIGHT 7/9  
BILL PITCHER 7/12  
DOUG MOUNCEY 7/13  
JANE WOODMAN 7/24  
SANDI YINGLING 7/24  
MARK KING 7/25  
GEORGETTE SCHMIDT 7/26  
AMANDA FLEDDERJOHANN 7/28  
JEANNE CHU 7/28



WILLSON CUMMER  
& MICHELLE BREIDENBACH  
JULY 6  
  
JEFF & HARRIET AVERILL  
JULY 10  
  
SANDY JORDAN-KANDEL &  
FRED KANDEL  
JULY 19

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# August Calendar— *Continued*

Sunday, August 24, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service— Live Stream & In Person (Guest Joe Russo)  
Monday, August 25, 1:00 pm, Bicentennial History Meeting—Brewster Room  
Tuesday, August 26, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds—Montgomery Zoom  
Wednesday, August 27, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel  
Saturday, August 30, 3:00 pm, Memorial for Jason Pilgrim  
Sunday, August 31, 9:30 am, Single Worship Service— Live Stream & In Person



***August Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed on the back cover***



## August Birthdays



HEATHER LAVENDER 8/6  
THE REV. PHILIP MAJOR 8/11  
JOE RUSSO 8/13  
JEANNE AVERY 8/18  
MAISIE JOHNSON 8/20  
CHARLIE JOHNSON 8/24  
DAVID MORGAN 8/28  
ANNA HAYDEN 8/31



RON & HELEN FERGUSON 8/3  
ROY THOMAS & DERINA SAMUEL 8/6  
CHRIS & KATHERINE JOHNSON 8/8  
JIM & SUSAN MCCLOSKEY 8/9  
IEVA & JIM DOYLE 8/20  
NOLAN & PHYLLIS PALSMA 8/25

*Updated*

## Important Information About

# Parking in Our Lot

**until construction is completed**



Evenings (after 5:00 p.m.) and Sundays, you may park anywhere in the lot.



**Monday-Saturday: The only parking available during the day is the few spots on the fence (not on the wall) until after 5:00 p.m.** Downtown workers have paid to park in our lot. We have signed a contract with them, that they are guaranteed their parking place Monday through Saturday.



The construction workers who park around the dumpster, usually leave about 4:00 p.m. If they have gone, you can park there after 4:00 p.m.