The Courier Newsletter
January 2020

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

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Prophet of Peace ~
The Witness of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
A Service of Prayer and Contemplation
with Music from the Taize Community

Sunday, January 12th at 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Syracuse
The Downtown Episcopal Church

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal." Martin Luther King Jr.

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In the deep, snowy darkness of December it is surprising for us to see glimpses of something beautiful and powerful around us. We catch a glimpse in:

The ordination of John Rohde as a priest in the Episcopal Church. John is one of you, a long time member of St. Paul’s, someone who sat next to you in the pews year after year. John was raised up by you to serve as a priest. We know John will fulfill his calling with faith and compassion. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The generous, gracious welcome given by our members to our Bishop and to visitors from around the diocese for John’s ordination. We catch a glimpse in the joyful reception created by members of our community fellowship team. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The ministry and music of our choir and Jim Potts, organist and choirmaster. We catch a glimpse in the beauty of their music, from the poignant, simple melody of a chanted psalm to the thundering, swelling harmonies of the organ. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

Ten of us sitting in blissful silence during our Advent retreat, basking in the sun while snow covered the frigid world outside, united in spirit while finding space for each individual. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The fruits of the labors of our Open Doors task force. Last week our Open Doors Renewal Project received a second, larger grant award: $556,988 from the Regional Economic Development Council of the State of New York. The two grant awards received by the Open Doors project this fall amount to powerful recognition of the value of the work of the task force and financial support totaling more than $800,000. In this we see a glimpse of grace.
The faces of those who come to the Caring Place every Thursday for a generous serving of hospitality and kindness. In this ministry members and other volunteers are giving the greatest gift of the season, often receiving in return an unexpected treasure. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The faithfulness of our Sudanese members. Six of our Sudanese families continue to be involved, meeting for worship, Sunday School and fellowship events sixteen months after the departure of a group of their members. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The beautiful Advent frontal sewn for St. Paul’s altar by Liz Belden-Handler. In the beauty and creativity and newness of Liz’s work we are led deeper in worship of God who brings beauty and creativity and newness to the world. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The presence and participation of new members and volunteers around St. Paul’s. A new generation of servant leaders is growing up in our midst. They are being led, not by us, but by the one who leads all of us. They are being strengthened and empowered, not by us, but by the one who strengthens and empowers all of us. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

The leadership and faithfulness of our wardens, Laurie and Betsy. Week after week, day after day, they work and serve and welcome strangers, new members and our most experienced members at St. Paul’s. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

A moment of peaceful, candlelit stillness during our Christmas Eve service. We have read the lessons, said the prayers, sung the songs preparing for a new birth of God’s love in our lives. In this we see a glimpse of grace.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ in our lives we give thanks for the bountiful grace surrounding us.

Fr. Philip
Dear Friends,

To quote the Reverend Doctor Steve Moore, who preached at John Rohde’s ordination service, "Wow, just Wow!" That is my response to the wonderful response to the Reverse Advent Calendars, I invited all to participate in, the response has been amazing! We will deliver the gathered food to All Faith Pantry on the north side on Tuesday, January 7th. They are especially pleased to receive it in January as that is a time when food supplies are lower. Thank you all so much. We can continue to help others in need. We hope to do the reverse calendars again next Advent, but we can still give through the year. The barrel is in the narthex and you are always welcome to drop some food items in and we will deliver.

Gratitude is an important behavior to practice. It can be so easy to forget or not pay attention to what is going well, especially when there seems to be much darkness. Just this morning I had a conversation with my friend/hairdresser who used to serve on the Human Rights Commission, he is not anymore and made a disparaging remark about nothing being accomplished, thinking about some recent events/comments by politicians. I pointed out to him, all that has been accomplished, he is married for one thing. But I understand too well how easy it is to focus on the dark side.

That is why I keep a gratitude journal, listing things everyday I am grateful for, (ok, I admit some days I have written," thank God, not all days are as bad as today!" but not often. I have much I am grateful for in my life and a lot of that relates to St. Paul’s. It has been an honor to serve as a Warden first with Doug Mouncey and then Betsy Elkins working with a priest, who respects and works as a team with the wardens.

I am grateful for all that happens at St. Paul's, for long time friendships made here and for new ones that are happening now. For seeds that were planted and have grown, the feminist theology group is 19 years old, the soup lunches that Betsy Elkins had an idea for and
started many years ago. Many downtown residents and employees look forward to these meals, and many have stepped up to help in creation, serving, and clean up. Especially thank you to Margaret Sherwin who provides a new cookie every week!

Recently the Feast meals were created out of a desire of someone and many are fed by the Feast, physically and spiritually. Conversations with county and city workers focused on the need for people to have a place to be during the day, a group formed and under the guidance of Jim Doyle, The Caring Place at St. Paul's was formed and about twenty people come in every Thursday for food, fellowship, and activities. Thank you to all who have made/ are making this happen!

I am also especially grateful to those who have had a vision who have worked tirelessly to create it, despite roadblocks have carried on. Becky Livengood and her group have created a future for St. Paul's with Open Doors, thank you.

For the creation of the "God's Doors Are Open to All Love ", sparked by Liz Belden Handler and created by several which has made many stop and look and even visit St. Paul's. There are many other items and people I am grateful to, my cup runners over with gratitude.

Everyday I give thanks for our beloved Bev, who despite health issues has carried forth from home, calling members and sending cards ,and keeping us informed, we love you Bev.

Finally I am honored and grateful to have served with our priest, Philip, and while I am grateful to step down as Warden, I look forward to continue working with Philip, and others especially in our weekly bible study at Cafe Kabul. Thank you to all.
Some Simple Thoughts on Evangelism

Fr. Philip suggested that I write about being an evangelist. Do I look like an evangelist? I don’t think so and I don’t think I do evangelism.

To help me think more about this I found this definition of evangelism: “the commitment to or act of publicly preaching of the Gospel with the intention of spreading the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.” No, I don’t do that.

But I did find some synonyms for evangelizing: persuade, win over, woo, sway, target, talk round, bring round, carry, reason with, etc. Well, I do some of that.

While I don’t publicly preach the gospel, I do "persuade and win over", and invite folks to come to St Paul’s for a variety of reasons: to attend a service (regular or a special service such as a service of Evensong or the Wednesday healing service), to attend a Symphoria concert, to visit the Caring Place, to work at the Caring Place, to enjoy a soup lunch, to help prepare a soup lunch, to help in the garden, to contribute goods to our Rummage sale, to shop the rummage sale, to attend a meeting of Common Threads or Feminist Theology or Bible Study. And I guess I can say that there are a few people here at St. Paul’s who actually came because I invited them. And that wasn’t really hard to do. When you are excited about something it is easy to invite others to join you.
As a downtown resident I walk to and from St. Paul’s Church at least once a day. And on my way I often encounter my neighbors (people I actually know and those I just recognize having seen them often) and I have no trouble telling them where I am going and why. As my new friend Lee said about me recently, “She always has something to say!”

And as we begin to implement our Open Doors Project I know that I will keep talking about our plan and the exciting things that are happening at St. Paul’s. So, maybe that is evangelism, telling the story of St. Paul’s as I go through my day. It isn’t hard and I encourage others to join me.

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**Slate of Nominations**

—By Betsy Elkins, Junior Warden

The Vestry Nominating Committee (Betsy Elkins, chair, Doug Mouncey, Mary Hastings, Ieva Doyle, Liz Handler and Margaret Sherwin) is pleased to present this slate of nominations for the Vestry:

For Warden: Tom Cantwell
For Vestry (3 year terms): Dick Pilgrim, Bill Pitcher, and Michael Yuot Mach

Look for short biographies and a photo of each of these candidates on pages 10-12 in this issue of the Courier. The election will take place at our Annual Meeting on **Sunday January 26.**
Dick Pilgrim

I have held a number of leadership positions at St. Paul's over the last ten years, including two separate terms as warden, at least two terms as a member of the vestry, two terms as convener of the Formation Ministry Team, chair of the most recent rector Search Committee, and a number of other positions on a variety of special task forces, ministry teams, ad hoc committees, and etc. In the meantime I enjoy being a part of the choir, and more generally a part of the SPC community. I am an emeritus professor of Syracuse University (Religious Studies, College of Arts and Sciences), and enjoy both teaching occasionally at Oasis (a senior citizen continuing education program through the SUNY Heath Center), and pursuing my musical interests by singing in a variety of local chamber choirs. I am married to Neva Pilgrim – who also keeps me busy --, and we have two adult sons, Jonathan (living in Munich with our daughter-in-law and two grandchildren) and Jason (living locally).

Michael Yuot Mach

Michael Yuot Mach is my name after baptism in which I was named after Michael, the Archangel. Prior I was fully known Yuot Mach Thon Chol Ajuong. I believe in Jesus Christ as my savior. Through Him, God, and the Holy Spirit all things are possible. I believed strongly that my presence today above ground was God's planning. My very presence today in this great country of the United States was God's planning. The simple fact that am about to serve in the vestry at the St. Paul's Cathedral Episcopal Church was God's planning. These things in the present and more in the past I overcame are testimony to that very essence of my faith that God has preplanned purposes for each and every soul, be yet to or already breathing.

I survived two devastating starvation, civil and local wars of survivals, two massacres, diseases in the wilderness in which I seek survival in most of my early childhood, wild-animals on-lands and in Nile-waters where learned swimming and fishing, refugee life internally an externally in Kakuma refugee
camp in northern Kenya, and now my modern life since 2001 in the United States, one of the most technologically advanced country on this God's created earth. Now without God's preplanned purposes for each and every soul would I be here after all that I've been through? Each and every mentioned step of my life journey to this very second am writing this short-bio regarding the Vestry am about to serve in it as a member holds more reasons to why my faith in God had been the family and friend I entrusted all along with me to this very-day.

William “Bill” Pitcher

I received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1973 from Syracuse University. I worked 11 years in Syracuse University’s Design and Construction Department, then worked 3 years for an engineering firm, and finally started my own firm, which is still operating. My practice has focused on light commercial and residential designs. I have been in Syracuse since 1967, started attending St. Paul’s in 1975, and have been singing in the choir since, except for a couple of years. I was confirmed in 1984 at St. Paul's. I joined the Buildings and Grounds committee for 20 years beginning in 1986, was the project manager for St. Paul’s roof replacement in 1991, and served one term on the vestry, beginning in 2007.

I am amazed at all of individual ministries that our church family members have created and sustained with their time and resources. I hope to bring to the Vestry my professional knowledge and experience, as we grapple to find financially feasible uses for our buildings. I also want to focus on how we can increase our reach-out to the down town residents, and become even more of a neighborhood church.

Tom Cantwell

While St. Paul's is not my childhood parish, I have certainly come to see it as my home now. Eleven years have passed since our first-class choir led me to approach Jim Potts and ask if he might consider me for membership. After 28 years in Texas, I was interested in establishing ties with a Syracuse church, and especially one with a strong music program. Things happily went well, and the Choir was only the first undertaking, my looking for ways to support St. Paul's, often answering a call from another to help.

Nothing marks me or my time here more than Buildings and Grounds, a tenure of over

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eight years, working always with a great committee and Building Manager to maintain the physical assets of the parish. And because the Finance Committee is key to planning and eliciting support for specific projects, I have also kept membership in that group as well. Considering what everything costs today, it is a real Balancing Act every year for the Vestry to decide how much can reasonably be dedicated in the Budget to Capital Projects. There never seems to be enough.

Finally, there is the Open Doors Building Project of the Parish House, overdue, developed with great care for over three years, addressing mission, accessibility, empty space and greater financial stability. From the beginning I have worked with the Task Force, full of optimism, and cannot easily describe my reaction to events of recent months. Yet I remain confident we have, collectively, the wits and wherewithal to "figure things out". And I treasure our sense of Christian community, among ourselves and toward others.

As I have confidence in our members, I hope that they have confidence in me, too, in particular supporting me for a leadership position in 2020. St. Paul’s is our current members, the running story of how we follow Jesus and how we secure our future!

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**A Thank You from NYS Baroque**

Dear St. Paul’s,

I wanted to let you know that everything, from our end, went beautifully for our concert on the 13th of December. We had a good crowd who were very appreciative of the music, and our musicians enjoyed the space so much! Bodo was great!

Thank you so much— we really love the space and hope to use it again sometime soon.

all best,

Deborah Fox
Sunday, January 26 is our annual meeting.

There will be a single service at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon.

Please mark your calendars and do your best to attend this very special meeting about your parish.

Just a few of the photos from the greening of the Nave. More to come soon.
New Cards by Bill Elkins Includes Rainbow Doors
—By Betsy Elkins

As a small fundraiser for St. Paul’s we are making some new cards available for sale. Cards with a colored sketch of the “rainbow doors” on the E. Fayette St. side of the church have been donated by the artist, Bill Elkins. The cards, which are 5” x 7” and blank on the inside, may be purchased for $5 each or 5 for $20. There is a supply in the church office or you may speak with Betsy Elkins on Sundays if you are interested in purchasing a card or two or five! Thanks for supporting St. Paul’s in this way.

A photo of some of the great folks who prepared the sanctuary for Christmas. More pictures to come in the annual report.
January Birthdays

Newton Wiley 1/2
Bruce Irvine 1/4
George Anderson III 1/11
John Pizzi 1/17
Laurie Sanderson 1/17
Susan Schueler 1/17
Dick Pilgrim 1/19
Patricia Freyberger 1/21
Betsy Elkins 1/22
Isaiah Cordoba 1/23
Betsy Brown 1/25
Greg Tuttle 1/28

January Anniversaries

Rebecca Livengood & Walter Rogers 1/17
Welcome to the New Year! Welcome to Sunday school at St. Paul’s Church where we come to know Jesus better, together!
We have Sunday school at 10 a.m. and at 12:30.
Everyone is welcome! Infants, children, teens, parents, and grandparents please stop by for a chance to be creative or relax and play. Hear a story about God’s world--our world. And meet new friends. Celebrate every season of the church year with gratitude and joy. Welcome to Sunday school!
2020 New Year’s Celebration Invitation

Venue:
St. Paul’s Cathedral Church
310 Montgomery St, Syracuse, NY 13202

Date: Saturday, January 4, 2020
Time: 5pm-12am

Subject: New Year Celebration Invitation
To: South Sudanese church, Community members and our American friends.

The South Sudanese Episcopal Church at the St. Paul’s Cathedral Church in downtown, Syracuse, invites church and community members to its annual New Year Celebration. This year’s celebration is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2020, for everyone’s convenience as actual 1/1 falls on inconvenient weekday. And as always all are invited including our American friends.

With all best regards,
South Sudanese’s Episcopal Church at St. Paul’s Leadership and Congregation

For questions or concerns, please call the follow persons:
Yuot Mach Thon: (315) 572-0526
Mawut Ayor Riak: (315) 885-7359
Dut Leek Deng: (315) 558-1770
**Symphoria Concert Reception**

*By Betsy Elkins*

The second Casual Concert of the 2019-2020 Symphoria Season will be held at St. Paul’s on Sunday January 19 at 3 p.m. As always we will host a reception following this concert. St. Paul’s hospitality is always appreciated by Symphoria and the concert goers. You are welcome to be part of that if you wish. You may:

- Contribute some food for the reception (cheese, crackers, dips, veggies, easy finger foods)
- Contribute some money to buy some food for the reception (write a check to St. Paul’s marked for Symphoria reception Jan. 17)
- Help with set up, serving and/or clean up at the reception

Let me know how you are able to help and thank you!

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**Common Threads**, a handwork group that meets monthly, the first Tuesday of the month at the Nottingham Senior Living Center will meet on Tuesday, January 7th in the "fish" room in the assisted living wing at 7:15, we relax as we work on projects, enjoy each other's company and sometimes other residents join us. We are the guests of Nancy and David Ridings. Join us!

Please speak with Laurie Sanderson if you would like a ride!
Pastoral Care will meet Sunday January 19th at 11:30 in the Montgomery St Foyer.

Feminist Theology
—By Laurie Sanderson

Our January meeting will be Tuesday January 21st at 7:15. In the Brewster Room. We are reading an interesting book. "Liturgy of the Ordinary. ... Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. We have new people joining and you are welcome also, Come, even if you do not have a chance to read the book, it will be a lively discussion! Questions? Speak with Laurie Sanderson

New email for Debbie Santucci, our children’s ministry leader. Her new address is:
deborahsant20@gmail.com
It’s cold and flu season. As a close, welcoming community we are sometimes torn between two needs: the need to interact with others and participate in worship, and the need to keep our members healthy. Here are a couple of steps you can take to help our members stay healthy:

Get a flu shot. When you get a flu shot you reduce your chance of getting a serious case of the flu and you help protect others. It’s called herd immunity. Influenza is a dangerous disease; 2100 Americans died in 2019 as a result of influenza. Flu shots are safe and the possible side effects of receiving a flu shot are much less of a risk than the risk of getting the flu. When more of our members receive a flu shot, the risk is reduced for all of us.

Do not dip communion bread in the chalice and do not touch the chalice with your hands. According to the CDC there is less risk of disease transmission from drinking from the common cup. The risk is greater for others if you touch the chalice with your hands. “The consensus of the National Center for Infectious Diseases … is that a theoretic risk of transmitting infectious diseases by [drinking from] a common communion cup exists, but that the risk is so small that it is undetectable.” (American Journal of Infection Control, vol. 26, #5.)

If you are especially vulnerable to disease or have symptoms of illness, do not receive the wine during communion. It’s all about reducing risk. You can reduce your risk by receiving the bread alone. You will notice the Eucharistic Minister does not touch your hands when placing the bread in your hands. The Sacrament of communion is complete in either form, bread or wine. (We have a fancy name for this: the doctrine of Concomitance.)

If you have symptoms of illness, do not shake hands with others during the peace. A smile and a wave is a great alternative to shaking hands and it keeps others safe.

If you are in the first week of a cold, or if you have the flu, please avoid contact with other members. If your cold or other illness is contagious, it is a sign of respect and caring to keep some space between yourself and others.
The Rev. John Rohde will be the celebrant and preacher at St. Paul’s on Sunday, January 19th, 2020.

A couple of great photos by DJ Igelsrud of the recent Ordination of John Rohde into the Priesthood. More photos in our annual report coming out the end of January.
Only $5 for a steaming hot bowl of homemade soup, freshly baked bread, fruit, and dessert.

Join Us Wednesdays @ 12:40 pm for Soup!

310 Montgomery St. Downtown Syracuse. Push 01 on the intercom and we will buzz you in.

January & February Menu

January 8: Potato and Cheddar soup with corn bread
January 15: Winter Minestrone with whole wheat bread
January 22: Spicy North African Chicken soup with yogurt chive scones
January 29: Split Pea Soup with French bread
February 5: Pasta Fagioli with peasant bread
February 12: Creamy herbed Carrot soup with herbed cheese bread
February 19: Mushroom Barley and Leek soup with whole wheat rolls
February 26 (Ash Wednesday): Fish Chowder with 3 seed rolls.

Menu subject to change depending upon the availability of ingredients and the mood of the cooks.
All proceeds go to The Samaritan Center.

Bon Appetit
Thank you for supporting our soup lunches at St. Paul’s in which ALL proceeds go to the Samaritan Center. The ingredients and labor are all donated. This fall (Oct, Nov. and Dec.) we raised $2,040.00 giving us a total of $4,590.00 for 2019! Looks like we are on track to top that number in 2020 thanks to all of you who join us in this ministry.

First Friday Dinner
January 10
JOIN US!
Please Come At 6:00pm for Social Hour.
Dinner Will Be At 6:45pm

Menu
Baked Ham, Scrambled Eggs,
Fruit Salad with honey/lime dressing, Broccoli Quiche, Home Fried Potatoes, Coffee Cake

The cost for this dinner will be $12.00 for adults, $6 for Ages 5 - 12, and under 5 is free. Should you wish to pay less than the suggested amount, you may do so.

Please bring your own place settings, and beverage for social hour.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 8th
Call Beverly Bolton at home @ 315 474-6909
Proceeds from our First Friday Dinners go to the support of Global Mission Initiatives

Use the door at 310 Montgomery Street  Downtown Syracuse
www.stpaulsyr.org
First Friday News
—By Carol Decker

Christmas Blessings to you All. We had nine First Friday dinners in 2019. It’s been a joy to plan them, and have you at St. Paul’s to be a part of the evenings.

In the New Year — January 10, 2020 is the first First Friday! The menu is Breakfast for Dinner: Baked Ham, Fresh Fruit Salad, Scrambled Eggs, Broccoli Quiche, Home Fried Potatoes and something sweet.

Our new arrangement with cleanup help is working well. Thank you to Bodo Rasoa, Harold Brown, III, Jean Stanton and Mark McGrath. It makes cooking the dinner more relaxing.

I am grateful for the continuing help from Beverly Bolton, Judy McAdoo-Pelton, John Pizzi, Ruth Brown, Betsy Barker, and Staci McHugh. They keep the dinners happening. Cooks and dessert people of course, are the sweat that keeps First Friday going. Thank you to Mary Powell, Carolyn Grieb, Nancy Lambright, Mark McGrath, Ron Ferguson, Gretchen Stappenbeck, Sophie Harris, and to those I may have forgotten. All help is appreciated, a gift to First Friday dinners, and St. Paul’s Church. See you all January 10, 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

And

The February First Friday will be held on January 31st.

We will celebrate the Chinese New Year, and have a special Chinese Dinner with Tai Chi Demonstrations before and after dinner by the CNY Taoist Tai Chi Group. The dinner will be a combined dinner with St. David’s of DeWitt plus the people in the Tai Chi group.

Reservations must be in and FIRM by TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH.
Menu:
Tea Eggs, Mini Egg Rolls, Hot & Sour Soup, Ten Precious Fried Rice, Plain Rice, Stir Fried Bok Choy, Chinese Spare Ribs, Chicken Moo Goo Gai Pan, Sweet & Sour Pineapple Pork, Tofu-Spinach Stir Fry. Dessert will be Walnut Tea, Fortune Cookies and Oranges Sherbet (For vegetarians - there will be enough food for all to be well fed.)

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January 31

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Celebrating Chinese New Year

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Use the door at 310 Montgomery Street Downtown Syracuse
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The next offerings in our formation series:
“LIFE & COMMUNITY IN AMERICA: CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT / CHRISTIAN RESPONSE”
Two Sundays with Preston Shipp
Following the 10:00 AM Service in the Hansen Dining Room

JAN. 5th “REDEMPTION OF The PROSECUTOR”: A short film about the conversion experience which led Preston Shipp, a Tennessee appellate prosecutor, to leave his job and become a leading advocate for criminal justice reform. This is an incredibly moving story!

JAN. 12th LIVE VIDEO CONVERSATION W/ PRESTON:
A chance to hear Preston in person and ask questions.

PRESTON SHIPP is Senior Policy Counsel for The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth in Washington, DC where he provides strategic guidance, support, and leadership to states that are working to eliminate life without parole and other extreme sentences for children.
Science & Spirituality Discussion Group meets once per month to discuss a range of topics at the intersection between science and spirituality. Past discussions have included the latest science fiction movies, the theological challenges posed by artificial intelligence and robotics, the spirituality of zombies, and the frontiers of scientific discovery.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24th, 6:00PM

Selected Stories from: OTHER WORLDS, OTHER GODS Adventures in Religious Science Fiction Edited by MAYO MOHS

For the next few months we’re going to discuss short stories from this anthology of short science fiction.

JANUARY’S STORY: “THE NINE BILLION NAMES OF GOD” BY ARTHUR C. CLARKE

Syracuse University’s Bird Library has a copy in its special collection.

ROJI TEA LOUNGE
108 E Washington St #2, Downtown Syracuse

“SCIENCE IS NOT ONLY COMPATIBLE WITH SPIRITUALITY; IT IS A PROFOUND SOURCE OF SPIRITUALITY.”

~ CARL SAGAN

Organized by St. Paul’s Syracuse, the Downtown Episcopal Church
Saturday, January 11th at 3:00 p.m.

At St. Paul’s Syracuse

(use the door at 310 Montgomery St)

Bring Your Friends and Games to Play

Pizza and Wings Will Be Served

Please RSVP to Mark McGrath by Thursday, January 9th

Mark’s cell is: 315 459-1465.
Saturday, January 18th at 3:00 p.m.

At St. Paul’s Syracuse

(use the door at 310 Montgomery St)

Bring Your Friends!

January’s movie is:

"Aladdin"

Please RSVP to Mark McGrath by Thursday, January 16th Mark’s cell is: 315 459-1465.
Wednesday January 1
New Year’s Day-Offices Closed

Thursday January 2
10:00 am The Caring Place
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 3
7:30 am N.A.

Saturday January 4
5:00 pm S. Sudanese Birthday & New Year’s Celebration

Sunday January 5
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School.
11:30 am Formation Event
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in Brewster Room

Monday January 6
12:00 pm Bible Study at Café Kubal
3:00 pm Buildings & Grounds

Tuesday January 7
7:30 am N.A.
4:00 pm Finance Meeting
7:15 pm Common Threads
7:30 pm AA Group

Wednesday January 8
DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—
4:00 pm Foundations Seminar

Thursday January 9
10:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s
5:45 pm Community Fellowship Mtg.
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 10
7:30 am N.A.
6:00 pm First Friday Dinner

Saturday January 11
3:00 pm Game Night

Sunday January 12—MLK Commemoration
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
11:30 am Formation Event
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in the Brewster Room
4:00 pm Taize Service

Monday January 13
12:00 pm Noon Bible Study @Café Kubal
4:00 pm Communications Team

Tuesday January 14
7:30 am N.A.
5:15 pm Vestry Meeting
7:30 pm AA Group

Wednesday January 15
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—

Thursday January 16
10:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 17
7:30 am N. A.
8:00 am Symphoria Rehearsal

Saturday January 18
8:00 am Symphoria Rehearsal
3:00 pm Movie Night “Aladdin”
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| Sunday         | January 19 | 8:00 am Eucharist  
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School  
11:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting  
12:30 pm South Sudanese Dinka Service and Children’s Sunday School  
3:00 pm Symphoria Concert |
| Monday         | January 20 | Offi ces Closed for the Holiday                                      |
| Tuesday        | January 21 | Deadline for February Courier Submissions  
7:30 am N.A.  
3:00 pm Open Doors Meeting  
5:15 Worship Ministry Team  
7:15 pm Feminist Theology  
7:30 pm AA Group |
| Wednesday      | January 22 | 12:10 pm Healing Service  
12:40 pm Soup Lunch— |
| Thursday       | January 23 | 10:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday         | January 24 | 7:30 am N.A.  
5:00 pm Diocesan Youth Ice Skating |
| Saturday       | January 25 | All Day/Overnight Diocesan Youth Ice Skating |
| Sunday         | January 26 | Morning— Diocesan Youth Ice Skating  
10:00 am SINGLE SERVICE and Children’s Sunday School  
11:00 am Annual Meeting  
12:00 pm Lunch |
| Monday         | January 27 | 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study @Café Kubal |
| Tuesday        | January 28 | 7:30 am N.A.  
7:30 pm AA Group |
| Wednesday      | January 29 | 7:30 am N.A.  
7:30 pm AA Group |
| Thursday       | January 30 | 10:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday         | January 31 | 7:30 am N.A.  
6:00 am First Friday —Special Date  
Chinese New Year Celebration (See page 25 in this Courier) |
Officers
Senior Warden: Laurie Sanderson
Junior Warden: Betsy Elkins
Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson: Walley Francis
Clerk of the Vestry: Terri Tuttle

Vestry & Team Leaders
2019: Abraham Deng, Jenifer Breyer, Liz Handler
2020: DJ Igelsrud, Tom Cantwell, Staci McHugh
2021: Mary Hastings, Rebecca Livengood, David Webb
Worship Ministry Team Convener: Betsy Barker
Formation Ministry Team Convener: Dick Pilgrim
Mission & Service Team Convener: Doug Mouncey
Community Fellowship Min. Conveners: Elizabeth Belden-Handler & Denise Dolge

Staff
The Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe, Bishop of Central New York
The Reverend Philip Major, Rector of St. Paul’s
James L. Potts, Organist and Choirmaster
Debbie Santucci, Children’s Ministry Leader
John Pizzi, Building Manager
Judy McAdoo-Pelton, Business Manager
Amy Youker, Bookkeeper
Derek Lane, Sunday Security

Office Secretary/Reception Volunteers

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday