Liz Belden Handler created St. Paul's new Advent altar frontal.

No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been, There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's
Ordination of John Rohde
Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. John Rohde will be ordained as a priest by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe on Saturday, December 14th at St. Paul’s. John is a friend and brother for many of us at St. Paul’s, having been a member from 2000-2018. John has been serving as deacon at St. John’s, Marcellus for the past year.

Please save the date and plan to join us for this joyful celebration of John’s past and future ministry.
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In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’ And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.’ And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Luke 1:39-42, 46, 47 & 56

Making Space

In the months before our first child was born, I was busy. I was finishing the construction of our home, the place where our daughter would live for the first 18 years of her life. We had moved into the house at the end of March. The baby was due on September 30th.

In April, I was finishing off the stairway. In May, I was installing floors in the closets. In June, I was trimming out the windows and doors. In July, I was installing baseboards. In August, I was finishing off the side porch. In September, I vacuumed and cleaned the house and put away my tools.
In the last week of September, we were finally ready; we were ready for a newborn baby to come into our home. The house was quiet. The baby's room was almost completely bare except for a crib, but it was very clean. We had made space in our home for a little child to be with us. More important, we had made space in our lives for a little child to be with us.

It is the same way for us as we approach our Christmas celebration. We need to make space for God to be born into our lives. We need to clean up some things that might be dangerous to us and to our loved ones, something equivalent to nails and screws left on the floor. We need to clear away some of the things that might distract us from the most important thing, which is God’s desire to be born among us.

Like Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth for several months, we need to do something different during this season. It's a little bit of a paradox, especially as the world seems to be getting busier around us; during Advent we are engaged in activities that make space and slow us down. Then we will be ready for a new birth of God’s love in our lives.

Fr. Philip
In the October Courier we announced the news that St. Paul’s is one of ten faith communities nationwide to be admitted to the National Fund for Sacred Places grant award class of 2019. This is great news, as it is likely we will receive a grant of up to $250,000 to support the work of our Open Doors project. November 18-21st Cathy Wolff, Becky Livengood, David Ridings and I were in Chicago, participating in training provided by the National Fund and Partners for Sacred Places. The three days we spent together with leaders from nine other faith communities were inspiring and invigorating. We returned to Syracuse with stronger, clearer ideas about the steps that come next.

Here are a few of the important ideas:

1. We plan for our Capital Campaign to be larger and to reach further into the community than we had previously expected. This is very good news. You should hear more about our Capital Campaign at the end of the winter.

2. We are making some adjustments to our plans in response to not being able to include a mortgage in our financing. The total size of our project will likely be $1-$2 million.
3. St. Paul’s plans, opportunities and community support are very strong, even when compared with other faith communities in the grant pool. Much of our strength comes from the work of our Open Doors Committee: Cathy Wolff, David Ridings, Doug Mouncey, Becky Livengood (chair), Art Friedel, Walley Francis, Betsy Elkins and Tom Cantwell.
Senior Warden’s Report
—By Laurie Sanderson, Senior Warden

This past Monday we were having our weekly bible study at Cafe Kubal. A couple of our regulars were missing but we welcomed Destany to her first bible study. John Rohde read the scripture and led us in a dynamic discussion, then tried to remember this quote:

John could not remember the quote exactly or who said it. When I went on my Facebook later, there it was, in my memories!

About the same time I received an envelope sent over from the office I had retired from. A card a former client had sent me back in 2017 was somehow it was misplaced at Peck Hall where we used to be located. It was then sent to the office on James St.

This young woman wrote a beautiful letter updating me on her good news and thanking me for walking the journey with her. Receiving the letter when it was mailed in 2017 would have been nice, but receiving it now was powerful and I credit the Holy Spirit for the timing.

When John remembered the Maya Angelou quote I kept thinking about that letter and remembered other times when I have been thanked for my presence or when something I did helped someone.

Advent is here and it occurred to me that besides my plans to fill a reverse Advent Calendar food box, I want to focus on being present to others. Just little steps each day, words shared, actions that show someone they are valued. I am excited by this idea and invite you all you join me!
As of the end of October St. Paul’s finances are still doing well. Pledges are under budget but doing better. Utility expenses are almost at budget after being over during the first half of the year.

Expected donations will bring us to almost break even for the year after taking our subsidy from investments as authorized by the Vestry. Our investments continue to increase in value because of the record stock market levels.
A few thoughts on Stewardship

By the time you are reading this you have likely submitted your pledge to St. Paul’s for 2020! (If not then I hope you will continue to pray about supporting your church with a pledge.) As I think about my pledge and what money I give to my church, I also think about what stewardship means in a larger way. How can we help our church in other ways?

Quite simply, stewardship is managing or taking good care of something. A biblical definition could be utilizing and managing all the resources God provides for us. Psalm 24 tells us: “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.” We have been taught that humans are responsible for taking care of the world. (Unfortunately many in powerful places seem to have forgotten this, but that’s for another discussion.) We should be good stewards of the earth and everything we have. We are to be caretakers for the world and its resources for generations to come.

The Finance Committee and Vestry are embarking on the annual exercise of creating a budget for St. Paul’s for the coming year and hope to have a balanced budget where what we “earn” matches what we “spend.” This always involves careful analysis of how we actually spend the money we have, creating a budget that makes good use of our resources. We work to see that we don’t spend more than we have and that we spend wisely and are not wasteful or irresponsible. We are to be caretakers of our church and its resources for generations who will follow us.

We have done a number of small things over the years to help us be better stewards of our church’s resources. We buy fewer paper products for coffee hour and use plates and mugs. This has the added benefit of...
generating less trash and helping the earth. We have installed LED lights throughout our buildings, and keep the heat at a lower setting to reduce our electric bills. We recycle cans, glass and paper. The children collect returnable bottles and cans to raise money for the Sunday school.

In addition to pledges of monetary support to St. Paul’s, our parishioners are very generous with their time and talents (more words that are often used when we talk about stewardship and pledging.) Many of St. Paul’s people give time to their church by participating in a variety of activities, ministry team work, hospitality, pastoral care, serving in some way during worship service, as well as office and maintenance work. Many of our parishioners contribute “in kind” items to St. Paul’s ranging from food donations for coffee hour to larger sums for specific needs such as additional heating in the Brewster room or other items not addressed in the church budget. The church could not function without these examples of participation and stewardship. If you aren’t participating in some way in the kinds of activities and acts of stewardship mentioned above I invite you to find a place where your time and talents will help to sustain St. Paul’s.

We all care about St. Paul’s or we wouldn’t be here. We want our church to not only exist, but to thrive for years to come. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of our church. I am so grateful for this faith community, this family and its commitment to caring for St. Paul’s. Thanks for pitching in with your money, your time, your talents, and your stewardship of this place so that we can fulfil our mission to teach, celebrate and to serve Christ.
We are off to a good start on our food drive through the Reverse Advent Calendar. The children will collect items during the offering. The items will be stored in the little room off the kitchen but will be put back in the nave at the time of the greening. And then removed after Christmas and delivered to All Faith Pantry on the north side.

Please remember the list is a guideline, you can choose other items. Remember to watch for expiration dates! Team up with someone else if desired. It is better to bring things in as we go through the 24 days of Advent as the full amount can be very heavy to carry.

Thank you all!
An Invitation From Cathy Wolff

As I was contemplating my pledge for 2020, I realized that we are not having a fundraiser this year.

I have just made a special donation to St. Paul’s that is about what I would have spent at the fundraiser, and I would like to invite all my brothers and sisters to join me.

We know that St. Paul’s needs the funds, so let’s give a little bit extra to help bridge the gap that the fundraiser has always helped to fill in the past!

—Cathy
Help Need with John Rohde’s Ordination Reception
—By Liz Handler

People of St. Paul’s: we are hosting John Rohde’s ordination on December 14th, and the Community Fellowship team needs your help. People will be coming from all around the diocese and we want to show them how wonderful hospitality is here.

We need 4 dozen deviled eggs and many little sandwiches, like ham salad, tuna salad, turkey, etc. We aren’t doing a sit down lunch, but we are serving tea sandwiches, eggs, chips and dips, and, of course, cookies and punch. We are expecting 200-250 people.

If anyone can make a dozen eggs, or 10-20 sandwiches and bring them to church either on Friday the 13th or by 10:00 on Saturday, it would be marvelous. Please email Marcia Anderson and let her know what you can contribute. Her email is: Meoandgeo@verizon.net.

Thank you all for your generosity!
Mission & Service

Winter Clothing Drive
—By Debbie Santucci

St. Paul’s Sunday school kids invite you to help them collect hats, gloves, mittens, and gently used coats. This idea came from the children.

Everything we collect will be distributed as needed to guests at The Caring Place. The Lane sisters and I (Debbie), will take donations off your hands any Sunday.

Thank you for helping with church’s calling “to appreciate children’s abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his church…” (The children’s Charter of the Episcopal Church)

Help...We need more coats, hats, gloves, heavy socks, boots, sweaters and scarves. Our closet empties very quickly and our clients are so thrilled! It’s a true blessing to see them with warm coats and new socks!

Congratulations Mary Kemp, Anna and Adam!

With great excitement we are happy to share that Addison Michael Kemp has arrived on Sunday, Nov 17. Mom, Anna and Dad Adam are doing great. “My grandson is simply the greatest reflection of God’s love.. he’s beautiful!”—Mary Kemp

Details:. Born right on his due date in Bydgoszcz Poland 8lb11oz, 56cm/22"
Dear St. Paul's friends,

Thank you so much for your phone calls, emails, cards, food, and covering for me during my recent illness. I appreciate your kindness.

—Debbie Bogan
December Birthdays

Harriet Averill 12/2
Juvone Peterson 12/8
Matthew Fledderjohann 12/11
Rebecca Griswold 12/17
Roy Thomas 12/18
Carol Decker 12/24
Ron Ferguson 12/25
Kathy Hum 12/29
Jeff Averill 12/30
Ieva Doyle 12/30

December Anniversaries

Harry & Nancy Lambright 12/21
Grant & Denise Dolge 12/30
Advent observance for the children of St. Paul's means intentionally waiting for our Lord’s birth on Christmas day. The big advent wreath in the sanctuary is one symbol which helps us wait and get ready. The Jesse tree is another.

The idea of a Jesse tree is rooted in Isaiah 11:1 “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots”. Jesse was the father of David, Israel’s greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse’s family tree.

During the procession each Advent Sunday, St. Paul's children will be hanging handmade Jesse tree symbols in the sanctuary. Up in Sunday school, they will hear the Bible stories represented by the symbols. As they add decorations to the tree, the children will see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations.
In a time and place of deep darkness...
God calls to us.
For a people wrapped in despair...
a child is born.

Hear the message of love
given for those who need it most

Blue Christmas at
St. Paul’s Hadley Chapel
December 19th
5:30 p.m.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2
Day Retreat: Bread & Prayer
—By Father Philip

On September 22nd our vestry and leadership team took a close look at the results of 65 one on one conversations and our September congregational straw poll. One of the straw poll statements said, “St. Paul’s equips people to engage in individual prayer outside of worship.” Our members’ responses indicate that many of our people feel equipped to engage in prayer outside of worship. We offer some good resources for individual prayer including Day by Day publications, Lenten Meditation booklets from Episcopal Relief and Development and the Book of Common Prayer.

On the other hand, none of our members brought up this topic in our official one on one conversations about life at St. Paul’s during August, September and October. So we thought it might be especially important to offer some additional opportunities for members to practice and learn about individual prayer in the coming year.

The first of these is an Advent Day Retreat: Bread and Prayer. In this retreat the activity of bread making is used as an analogy for a life of prayer. We will:
- make bread together.
- talk about the ‘how to’ of prayer.
- take time for silence, prayer and reflection.

What: Bread and Prayer Retreat

When: Saturday, December 7th ~ 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: 257 Robineau Rd. in Syracuse

Who: Everyone is welcome. Registration is limited to 12 people.

Deadline: Register by Sunday, December 1st.

How to register: Send an email to Judy at jmcdoo@stpaulsyr.org or call the church office.

ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!
Women of St. Paul’s News
—By Liz Handler

The Women of St. Paul’s met on Saturday, November 16th for an hour of friendship and a business meeting.

We have decided to forgo our annual Christmas Auction, so our next meeting will be in February, followed by our tea in April and our year end luncheon at the Century Club in May.

Feminist Theology
—By Laurie Sanderson

Feminist Theology will not meet in December but will begin reading “Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life” by Tish Harrison Warren. We will discuss it when we meet in January 21st.

Come join us for great reading and lively discussions!

A Thank You From Beverly

Thanks to everyone who has done so much for me these last few months. It means a lot.

This includes meals, cash, calls, visits and everything else that has made my healing that much easier.

Again, thank you and I hope to see you soon.
—Love, Beverly
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.

November/December Menu

Wednesday November 6: Red Lentil Soup with Pear Pizza
Wednesday November 13: Spicy Peanut Soup with Country Hearth Bread
Wednesday November 20: Vegetarian Chili with Corn Bread
Wednesday November 27: NO SOUP (Thanksgiving week)
Wednesday December 4: Italian Wedding Soup with Garlic Bread
Wednesday December 11: Ginger Sweet Potato Soup with Yogurt Scones
Wednesday December 18: Tomato Soup with Grilled Cheese Sticks
Wednesday December 25: NO SOUP (Christmas Day)
Wednesday January 1: NO SOUP (New Year’s Day)

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
Friday, December 20 at 6:30pm

In the
Hansen Dining Room

Bring Your Friends!

December’s movie is:
"THE CHRISTMAS SHOES"

Please RSVP to Mark McGrath by Thursday, December 19th. Mark’s cell is: 315 459-1465.

It will be a great time to spread God's love and enjoy time together.
First Friday News
—By Carol Decker

We have so much to be thankful for — Give Thanks & Rejoice — That’s what Thanksgiving is about. Here’s the December 6th menu: French Pork Chops Foyot, Cranberry Relish Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Apples with Winter Vegetables, Garlic Rolls, Medley of Desserts. If you want a vegetarian meal, please let Beverly know. (315-474-6909) Reservations need to be in by Wednesday, December 4th.

The January 2020 First Friday Dinner will be on January 10th. Please mark your calendar. Thank you to all the people who brought one dollar bills to help with taking in and making change for the new price for First Friday Dinners of $12.00 for adults and $6 for people ages 5 - 12.

Hope to see you all on December 6th. It’s a delicious dinner.

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

Menu
French Pork Chops Foyot,
Cranberry Relish Salad,
Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Apples with Winter Vegetables, Garlic Rolls,
Medley of Desserts.
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, December 4
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
The next offering in our formation series:
“LIFE & COMMUNITY IN AMERICA: CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT / CHRISTIAN RESPONSE”
DEC. 8th: VIDEO CONVERSATION with ELDER CW HARRIS & INTERSECTION OF CHANGE
11:30 AM in the Hansen Dining Room

ELDER CW HARRIS is the founder of Intersection of Change, a community-based nonprofit focused on community development in west Baltimore. The organization is dedicated to providing programs that enrich the economic, social and spiritual lives of those dealing with poverty related issues in the Sandtown-Winchester and surrounding communities. He is the recipient of the 2017 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award.

Programs by INTERSECTION OF CHANGE include:

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION: Revitalization of the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave through renovations, murals, creation of green space, and special events.

JUBILEE ARTS: Dance, visual arts, creative writing and ceramics classes to bring the arts back to life in our community.

MARTHA’S PLACE: A residential recovery program for women overcoming substance abuse and homelessness.

STRENGTH TO LOVE II: An urban farm that addresses urban food apartheid, that employs ex-offenders returning to the community from incarceration.

Intersection of Change is a community based nonprofit in Baltimore, MD founded in 1996 to serve Baltimore’s Sandtown-Winchester and Upton communities.
In 2013 I was in Raleigh, North Carolina when the first Moral Monday Protests were taking place on the steps of the North Carolina legislature building. Led by Rev. William J. Barber II and the NAACP, they demanded the reversal of voting restrictions targeted at African Americans. I went to Raleigh to attend the Theology & Peace conference held at Chapel Hill, and in particular to hear a presentation on the history of lynching by Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, an Episcopal priest who now serves as Canon Theologian at the National Cathedral. She’s written several books on racism, lynching, and the church. Arriving at the conference a passive participant, I got more than I bargained for.

One evening, some of the leaders of the Moral Monday protests, after an exhausting day at the state capital, joined us for our Eucharist. Having been recruited to lead the prayers of the people, I asked the protestors what specific needs they would like offered up in prayer. In the next moment, I was completely caught off guard as they poured out their hearts. They asked for prayers for those who had been jailed. For their families worried for their loved ones. For God’s strength and guidance in the days ahead. And finally, that God’s mercy and God’s justice would prevail. It was a deeply moving religious experience beyond anything I had previously encountered during the prayers of people. I realized that if we as Christians want to address racism in a truly transformative way, we not only need to pray FOR someone, we need pray WITH them.

But my real “AHA!” moment came during a coffee break. In one of those anxious moments when you’re wondering who to talk to, a black man greeted me. I recognized him as Elder CW Harris, a pastor and community leader from Sandtown, an inner city neighborhood in Baltimore. I hate to say it, my first reaction to CW’s friendly gesture was to step back. He noticed too and pointed it out. I felt bad. It was a knee jerk reaction, an unconscious impulse to put physical distance between us. Having always assumed that I was not a racist, it was a wake up call.

Two years later, at a Theology & Peace conference in Chicago, CW and I were assigned to the same breakout group to discuss our reactions to a series of presentations on the effects of the widening economic divide. With
exhaustion in his voice, CW shared how discouraged he gets. One month earlier, his neighborhood was torn asunder following the death of Freddie Gray while in police custody. Working tirelessly to address his community’s needs, he said he needs help. “When the suburban folks drive into the city to attend their beautiful churches, they drive right past mine. I wish they would stop and pull up their sleeves. We need help in Sandtown. Christians need to support each other.”

CW is cofounder of **Intersection of Change**, which helps those coping with the systemic effects of poverty, including drug addiction, homelessness, and incarceration. I’ve heard him insist many times that those who are recovering from addiction or transitioning from prison back to society need the care and support of a community. **IT TAKES RELATIONSHIP.**

In 2016, Theology & Peace invited **Preston Shipp** to speak at our conference. He was the Tennessee Appellate Court Prosecutor who denied **Cyntoia Brown**’s appeal. At age sixteen Cyntoia was sentenced to life in prison and was not eligible for parole for fifty one years. Like me, Preston, who would have sworn he didn’t have a racist bone in his body, took one glance at Cyntoia’s appeal and assumed the worst. Months later, when he volunteered to teach a college course to prison inmates, Preston got more than he bargained for. Getting to know first hand men and women behind bars, encountering their dreams and aspirations, learning their stories and who they are as human beings, Preston realized he had been operating under false assumptions and prejudices, which not only led him to betray his Christian faith, but also the system of justice he had sworn to serve. In an about face, Preston became one of the primary advocates for Cyntoia Brown’s clemency, which recently led to her release. He now serves as **Head Council** for the **Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth**.

When we keep people at a distance, it’s all too easy to ignore their suffering, to dehumanize them and scapegoat them for society’s problems. This is especially true of populations who historically have been targets of discrimination and violence. It’s not enough to read about racism, rural poverty, or the plight of immigrants. It’s not enough to sign petitions protesting mass incarceration or economic injustice. Without relationship, we
are prone to unconscious assumptions and prejudices, which can undermine our best intentions—or worse—the insensitivity born of a lack of first hand experience of the other may lead us to ignore or condemn those we have never had contact with. In this country, the mass incarceration of African American men is the horrific result—the effect of our legal system gone awry.

Our forebears understood that Justice, in the constitutional AND the biblical sense, is not an abstract idea. It requires proximity and familiarity. JUSTICE REQUIRES RELATIONSHIP. It’s the logic behind our right to trial by a jury of our peers. It’s the logic that led Jesus to share table fellowship with outcasts and supposed sinners. It’s the logic behind St. Paul’s Caring Place, which leads us, once a week, to invite the homeless into caring community. If we follow that logic and build real relationships with people we would normally avoid or tend to ignore, we'll likely get more than we bargained for. We, as passive participants with all our assumptions and prejudices, may be transformed; creating unforeseen possibilities in which GOD’S MERCY and GOD’S JUSTICE may prevail.

In December and January we will explore these issues further. Please join us for some remarkable conservations with Elder CW Harris and Preston Shipp:

12/8:  Video Conversation with Elder CW Harris and Intersection of Change: “Getting to Know Each Other”. Intersection of Change is dedicated to providing programs that enrich the economic, social and spiritual lives of those dealing with poverty related issues in West Baltimore, NC.

1/5:  Video featuring Preston Shipp: “Redemption of the Prosecutor,” a short film about Preston’s conversion experience, which led him to leave his job as a prosecutor.

1/12:  Video Conversation with Preston Shipp, Head Council for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, Washington, DC.

Sundays, 11:30 AM in the Hansen Dining Room.
Join us in seeking the birth of God’s love in our lives!

Make St. Paul’s Syracuse part of your family tradition at Christmas and all year long.

December 24
4pm  Family Christmas Service
9pm  Music of the Season & Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 25
10am  Christmas Day Service

December 29
8am & 10am  Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas at St. Paul’s

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At St. Paul’s Syracuse

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Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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St. Paul's Cathedral
220 East Fayette Street, Syracuse

Saturday, December 14, 2019  7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
315 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca
Pre-concert talks at 6:45pm

General $35; Senior $30; Student $10
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Syracuse Community Choir

“We Are”
Winter Solstice Concert

Sunday December 15, 2019  4-6pm
St. Paul’s Downtown, 220 East Fayette Street
$15-30 (or less if you need to) At the Door  Children Free
Interpreted for the Deaf: Maggie Russell

PEOPLES’ PEACE AWARD:
Clifford Ryan and the OG’s Against Violence

This project is made possible with the support of the County of Onondaga through a Tier Three Project Support Grant, administered by CNY Arts.
Obituary of Gladys E. Cooper

Gladys E. Cooper, 91, of Syracuse, New York, passed away on November 7, 2019. Although born in the United States when her mother was on a vacation in Buffalo, New York, she had lived-in Dundas, Ontario, Canada until 31 years of age. Mrs. Cooper moved to the United States in 1959 and had been a resident of Syracuse, New York since 1962.

Mrs. Cooper enjoyed the privilege and honor of both United States and Canadian citizenship. Mrs. Cooper retired in 1994 after 33 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Prior to that she had worked for 10 years with the Canadian Department of Veteran’s Affairs in Hamilton, Ontario assisting Canadian Military Veterans with government assisted housing financing.

Mrs. Cooper enjoyed British and American History and Literature. She was also a ballroom dancer for many years. She was a communicate of St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in Syracuse, New York.

Surviving are her husband, Edward (Ted) Cooper of 60 years, a step-son, Clark Cooper, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.
Obituary of Art Wilson


Born in Syracuse, to the late Arthur and Katherine Wilson. Art worked for several area school district which include being Assistant Principle at Marcellus Middle School, Principle at Dryden Central Schools, various position in the Syracuse City School District and retiring as Superintendent for the Madison School District. He was also the Athletic Director for the Marcellus School District and a former Assistant director and board member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

He was a very faithful man attending and being a member of the Church vestry at both St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. John's Episcopal Church. Art loved the outdoors especially hunting and fishing and taking photos of nature so much that he worked at Bass Pro Shop once retiring from school.

Art is survived by his wife Lorelee, daughter Pamela Wilson, step sons Gregory (Laura) and Daniel Letiecq. He also leaves behind his step granddaughters Lillian, Marian and Courtney as well as nieces and nephews.
Sunday December 1
First Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
11:30 am Formation Team Meeting
4:00 pm Lessons & Carols

Monday December 2
12:00 pm Bible Study at Café Kubal
3:00 pm Buildings & Grounds

Tuesday December 3
7:30 am N.A.
4:00 pm Finance Meeting
7:15 pm Common Threads
7:30 pm AA Group

Wednesday December 4
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—Italian Wedding Soup
4:00 pm Foundations Seminar

Thursday December 5
9:00 am The Caring Place
5:45 pm Community Fellowship Mtg.
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Solstice Concert

Friday December 6
7:30 am N.A.
6:00 pm First Friday Dinner
7:30 pm Solstice Concert

Saturday December 7
9:00 am Bread/Prayer Retreat at Fr. Philip’s home
2:00 pm Solstice Concert
7:30 pm Solstice Concert

Sunday December 8
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School.
11:30 am Formation—Justice Requires Relationship
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in Brewster Room

Monday December 9
8:00 am Executive Ministry Team
9:00 am Organ Tuning
12:00 pm Bible Study at Café Kubal

Tuesday December 10
7:30 am N.A.
5:15 pm Vestry Meeting
7:30 pm AA Group

Wednesday December 11
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—Ginger Sweet Potato
4:00 pm Foundations Seminar

Thursday December 12
9:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 13
7:30 am N.A.
7:30 pm NYS Baroque Concert

Saturday December 14
11:00 am Ordination of John Rohde
Sunday December 15
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in the Brewster Room
7:00 pm Syracuse Community Choir Concert

Monday December 16
12:00 pm Noon Bible Study @Café Kubal

Tuesday December 17
7:30 am N.A.
3:00 pm Open Doors Meeting
5:15 pm Worship Ministry Team Mtg
7:30 pm AA Group

Wednesday December 18
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—Tomato Soup with grilled cheese sticks
4:00 pm Foundations Seminar

Thursday December 19
9:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s
5:30 pm Blue Christmas
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 20
7:30 am N.A.
6:30 pm Movie Night: “The Christmas Shoes”

Saturday December 21
DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY COURIER

Sunday December 22
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
11:30 am Greening of the Church
11:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting
12:30 pm South Sudanese Dinka Service and Children’s Sunday School

Monday December 23
12:00 pm Noon Bible Study @Café Kubal

Tuesday December 24
4:00 pm Family Christmas Service
9:00 pm Music of the Season
9:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday December 25
OFFICES CLOSED
10:00 am Christmas Day Service

Thursday December 26
OFFICES CLOSED

Friday December 27
7:30 am N.A.

Sunday December 29
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in the Brewster Room

Monday December 30
12:00 pm Noon Bible Study @Café Kubal

Tuesday December 31
7:30 am N.A.
7:30 pm AA Group
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
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