

YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul's Stewardship Ministry continues to pray, study, plan, and implement a program of year-round stewardship. Although our annual fall pledge campaign has come to a close, the work of the group has not. Please watch for weekly and seasonal bulletin inserts for the upcoming 'More Than Enough' pledge season.

Planned Giving

Planned giving, along with pledge and capital campaigns, is one of the three primary aspects of most year-round stewardship programs. As described by the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF), 'Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.'

The stewardship ministry is seeking out resources and educational materials to learn more about planned giving, and is exploring ways to share that those resources with the parish. We have received pamphlets and booklets from ECF, to be used in our year-round program. We would encourage you to have a look at the pamphlets available outside of George's office, and seek out a member of the stewardship ministry if you have any ideas or questions.

In addition to the use of the referenced literature, we hope to bring in experts from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and/or the Episcopal Church Foundation, to for a series of presentations on planned giving.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AT THE INTERSECTION

Groundbreaking Day - Cleanup / Planting / Downtown Social Mixer - May 14, 2022

It's about relationships! We are coordinating with Flint Downtown Development Authority, Friends of the Alley, Flint Public Art Project, What's Up Downtown Project, and Keep Genesee County Beautiful, as we remember the 150th anniversary of the day that ground was broken for our building.

Our Yard - We'll be breaking ground at the church again, planting the pots, spreading some mulch, sprucing up the garden, picking up some litter, etc.

Our House - Bishop Prince Singh will be visiting St. Paul's on the weekend of May 21-22, 2022. Our groundbreaking/cleanup day is also a great opportunity to come together to spruce up the inside of the church! Maybe some dusting, sweeping, sorting, organizing, pitching, etc.

The committee is suggesting each vestry member to consider inviting their assigned ministries to adopt an area of the church for some extra attention on cleanup day. Examples might be the Altar Guild working in the Sacristy, Hospitality working in the kitchen, Education in the library, or the bell choir attending to the loft.

Our Neighborhood - The real hope for the day is to have a good showing of parish folks out and about with our downtown neighbors. Although the task might be litter picking, the real work for us is about relationships, as we help tidy up our neighborhood. St. Paul's will kind of serve as home-base for the downtown effort. We'll invite folk to use our parking lot and bathrooms, take a church tour, and have

some snacks and beverages. And although our neighbors will be stopping by to pick up a treat, some gloves, or garbage bags, the hope is that St. Paul's folks will be able to spend some time wandering around downtown, meeting our neighbors, visiting a restaurant or coffee shop, etc.

BONUS: Folks from the Flint Public Art Project will be leading walking tours of the downtown murals! It is a fantastic opportunity for the parish to see downtown, introduce ourselves, and learn about who our neighbors and what they do!

And... a really good showing at this event could serve as a fantastic springboard to ramp up downtown interest in our Cornerstone weekend the following week! Watch for updates.

Cornerstone Weekend - May 21-22, 2022

Saturday May 21, 2022 - Parish Open House

We'll sponsor public facing programming and events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the setting of our cornerstone here at the intersection. Specific events and times are still a work in progress. but will try to make final decisions on a schedule of events by March 25. That will give us time to get prepare a press release, develop a printed flier to distribute during April, and schedule FB posts to run during April. The early DRAFT plan includes:

Open House Hours 10AM-4PM

- Media/Press availability
- Invited public officials, friends and neighbors
- Tours*
- Lectures/Presentations - Cornerstone Stories
- Hourly Organ Demonstrations*
- Hopefully a food truck or two
- Congressional Resolution - Congressman Dan Kildee (not yet committed)
- Evening Prayer/Evensong to cap the events at 4PM.*

Sunday May 22, 2022 - Cornerstone Rededication / Diocesan Confirmation

Plans for Sunday 22nd include basically five parish events, targeted primarily for the parish, but hopefully with other interested folks as well. (For Us... Plus!)

Cornerstone Rededication/Re-enactment - Before mass, we'll gather for a brass procession from location of our first church to our cornerstone grounds at the intersection.

Morning Worship Inside the Church - Specific plans for the procession, rededication, and Sunday worship are being coordinated with Worship and Liturgy, Holly, Father Don, and the Diocesan Office.

Bishop's Reception - Barb will work with Father Don and any involved ministries to finalize plans for the reception, including location, timing, food/refreshments. We'll likely keep the church open for tours and photographs.

Diocesan Confirmations - The rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for 2:30PM, with the actual Confirmation service taking place at 4:00PM.

Bishop's Coffee Hour - Welcome our guests from around the diocese for light refreshments and fellowship in Barth Hall.

Community events between our May Cornerstone and August Clergy events.

There are several community-based/sponsored events that we'd like to make sure we have an active presence. We are hoping that our neighbors will support our events we sponsor, and I hope that we'll do likewise for theirs. Looking for opportunities to participate, collaborate, co-brand, and support.

Known Events Between May 22 and August 24 June Artwalk - June 10

- Juneteenth - June 19 (Specific Events/Dates/Locations Pending)
- Flint Pride - June 25 (Specific Events/Dates/Locations Pending)
- July Artwalk - July 8
- Alley Fest - July 9
- August Artwalk - August 12
- Drop Fest - August 13
- Back to the Bricks - August 20
- Crim Festival - August 27 (Events from August 25-27)

Showing up! Examples might include, doing our booth or attending planning meetings for Pride; working with Back to the Bricks to see if they'd like designate our block for specific exhibitors; or welcoming vendors or food trucks to use our parking lot during festivals.

Lots of St. Paul's folks have traditionally taken the lead on our involvement in some of these events. We hope that we'll be able to identify a similar parish '**champion**' for all of the others. The 'champion' might take the lead on identifying the sponsoring organization, figure out how we can collaborate more closely, and managing communications with the congregation to encourage folks to show up and get involved. The hope would be that we could engage the event 'champions' to join participate, as needed or desired, on the steering committee in some way.

Respectfully,

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