



# Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City*

March 25, 2022

## Music in the Heart of the City

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present the popular 'Music in the Heart of the City' series this Sunday at 4:00 P.M. The concert includes works for flute, piano, and voice. Featured artists this month are familiar to our concert enthusiasts. Townes Osborn Miller will return on the flute, Carl Angelo will again be at the piano, and Brittnee Siemon will be in accompaniment with her voice. This trio will fill the nave with beautiful music, with the title of the program aptly called ART SONGS.

Townes Osborn Miller is an Associate Professor of Music and Coordinator at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, and also serves as the Adjunct Flute Instructor and director of the Flute Choir at Saginaw Valley State University. She is the woodwinds coach for the Saginaw Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra and maintains a private studio.

Carl Angelo is the organist at First Presbyterian Church of Flint, Michigan, pianist for the Saginaw Choral Society, and an instructor of piano at Saginaw Valley State University. He is the winner of the 1987 American Guild of Organist Young Artist Competition in Indianapolis.

Brittnee Siemon, mezzo soprano, is a versatile performer, teacher, and scholar. Her accomplishments include premieres of early and modern works, a debut at Jordan Hall in Boston, and international appearances in Austria, Italy, Germany, Turkey, and Belize. Dr. Siemon has served on the voice faculty at Brevard College since 2016, and is currently the Vice President/Auditions Chair to the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. She is recognized internationally for her teaching and scholarly endeavors.

The concert is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Masks are no longer required when in the church, but are recommended.

'Music in the Heart of the City' is an exciting program that carries on St. Paul's tradition of excellence in diverse musical offerings in downtown Flint. One additional concert is planned this spring, featuring St. Paul's organist in residence Mr. Matthew Benkert.

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## Serving on a Committee

### Are you kidding?

The Vestry is beginning the work to restructure our Committees and bring new life and focus to the areas of our parish wide ministry.

Some of our goals :

- 1) Spread out leadership so that members of the Vestry are not the only chairpersons and members of each committee (chairpersons not members of the vestry)
- 2) Keeping the balance between the roles and responsibilities of the Vestry and the Rector.
- 3) The Vestry will provide a charge or mission to give each Committee a focus on their specific area of ministry.
- 4) Committees will function within the structure of the whole church keeping clarity in their own area of ministry.
- 5) Committees through their chairperson or Vestry representative will communicate regularly with the Rector and Vestry about their current and upcoming events and projects.
- 6) No member of our community will be forced to serve on a committee, every member can and some members really should.

There will be more information coming forth as Committee Chairs and members are appointed and mission statements written.

## Ministry Opportunity

Please consider helping us run our new live-streaming equipment. It looks much more difficult than it is. Select cameras and control the sound so people can watch our services on the phones and computers. No technical skills needed. See Fr. Don or Walt.

Attention anyone 15 and older:

If you would like to be confirmed, received or make a public reaffirmation during the diocesan service on May 22, 2022... please let Fr. Don know. The service will be held in our own nave. A confirmation class is forming now!

It will be FUN!

# DOWNTOWN FLINT SPRING CLEANUP & SOCIAL MIXER

**SATURDAY, MAY 14 • NOON-4PM**

**OPEN CALL FOR CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS**

Register at <https://bit.ly/CleanDowntown>

Target Areas:

S. Saginaw St. corridor (Court St. to Flint River)  
Brush Alley • Buckham Alley • Riverbank Park  
Brush Park • Flat Lot

- Gloves and bags provided by Keep Genesee County Beautiful
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host parking, snacks/beverages & optional tours Celebrating 150 Years at the Intersection
- Mural tours hosted by Flint Public Art Project for volunteers
- Additional parking available at the DDA Flat Lot



# ANNOUNCING

Get out your calendar and  
reserve May 22, 2022

On May 21 and 22, 2022 we will  
celebrate the 150th anniversary of the  
laying of the cornerstone of  
our beautiful building.

Many events will take place both days.

On the 22nd we will have a special service  
with The Right Reverend Prince Singh.

That afternoon one of the Diocesan wide  
Confirmation services will be held  
at St. Paul's.

Mark it down NOW... more information  
forthcoming.

**Your Vestry:**

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**St. Paul's Office Hours**  
**Tuesday-Thursday**  
**9 AM—2 PM**

**Fr. Don**  
**Tuesdays-Thursdays**  
**(by appointment)**

# Big Provincial Gathering

## April 29-30

### YOU ARE INVITED!

The BPG is an opportunity to meet new people and connect with others who share your ministry passions. There will be trainings on Thursday, an informational plenary session on Friday, and workshops on Saturday. EVERYONE is invited to come to this event. Our keynote speaker is Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

Registration is only \$50 for the Friday-Saturday portion and the trainings on Thursday can be added for \$25. (All of the programming is subsidized through sponsorships. Scholarships are available.)

Please review the details using these links

### Program links you need:

[Registration](#) for the BPG (with the option of adding Thursday / Friday morning trainings)

\$50 if registered and paid by Feb. 28, 2022; \$75 fee after March 1, 2022.

### Saturday Workshops

[Chart](#) and descriptions

### Pre-event Trainings

[Pre-event Trainings](#) (all day, Thursday, April 28 - morning, Friday, April 29)

[Registration for just a pre-event training](#)

### Lodging:

See [this page](#) for all of the lodging information.

If you choose to stay in a hotel, please use [our link](#) so that we receive credit for your stay!

Helpful Hint: choose your dates along the left before choosing your hotel.

### Other opportunities available at the event:

**Bookstore** - There will be a bookstore!

**Book Trading Table** - Church Periodical Club will again host a book trading table. Bring a book / take a book!

**Informational Tables** - Affiliated Organizations are invited to host informational tables on Friday. Vendors may also apply for table space. [Apply for your space.](#)

**Swag Bags** - Virtual and Physical Swag Bags will be prepared. [Register the items that you are sending or submitting.](#)

## The Little Blue Box

The United Thank Offering Blue Boxes are a way to promote the spiritual practice of gratitude. The thank offerings that you put into your Blue Box



combine with others to fund innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. UTO Grants can be used for startup funds for new ministries, or take a current ministry in a new and exciting direction.

Over the next 3 years, The United Thank Offer-

ing, in the spirit of Matthew:36, will focus on areas of ministry that serve those who society has left out and left behind. Therefore, the UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically

preventative programs and intervention;  
prisoner support outreach;  
prison reform work;  
or post-prison re-entry.

Your blessings become a blessing for others. We will have an in gathering of the Blue Boxes on Sunday May 1, 2022.

Trying to get going once again...

We need Ushers, Lectors, (we will need) Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. If you can help us, please see Tim Grant or Fr. Don.

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