



Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City

May 13, 2022

Search Committee Announced

Senior Warden Barbara Mannor along with the members of the Vestry has announced the appointment and vestry affirmation of the Search Committee. The Search Committee will search for, and later recommend to the Vestry a candidate to serve as the 19th Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This process can take anywhere from 6 months to a year. The candidate must be approved by the Bishop of the Diocese and be elected by the Vestry.

The Members of the Search Committee are:

TaMara Oertel, Chairperson

Tim Grant, Chaplain

Barbara Hamilton Welch

Joel Arnold (representing the Vestry)

Jelesia Geraghty

David Taylor

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Terrance Whitehead, sexton

Edythe Peake, web editor

Art Walk Tonight (6pm)

Paul Rozycki, Photography

Gilda Tucker, Violin

May 21 and 22

We begin the 150th Anniversary of our building.

Events all day on Saturday

Saturday Evening Prayer at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday service at 10:00 AM

We begin at Blackstone (close to the location of the older building) process to our current building and rededicate the cornerstone. Bishop Singh presiding

Reception follows

Confirmation service at 4:00 P.M.

HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATES 150 YEARS AT THE INTERSECTION!

South Saginaw Street & East Third Street in Downtown Flint, Since 1873

GROUNDBREAKING DAY

Saturday - May 14, 2022

10AM-12PM: Planting and Parish Clean Up

12PM-4PM: Downtown Cleanup & Mixer

- Cleanup Headquarters - St. Paul's
- Cleanup Supplies and Snacks
- Mural Walking Tours Available
- Wander Around / Greet Neighbors

CORNERSTONE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday - May 21, 2022

10AM-4PM: Open House

- Press/Media Availability
- Friends and Neighbors
- Tours and Photos
- Hourly Organ Demos (1:00PM-3:00PM)
- Hourly Bell Choir Demos (1:30PM - 3:30PM)
- Evening Prayer (4PM)

CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION

Sunday - May 22, 2022

THE RIGHT REVEREND PRINCE SINGH

10AM: Cornerstone Rededication

- Procession to the Intersection
- Holy Eucharist
- Reception

4PM: Diocesan Confirmation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rector's Day - August 13/14, 2022

All Saints' Day/Glenwood Cemetery - October 30, 2022

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE PARISH

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was founded by missionary priest Daniel Ebenezer Brown and nineteen of Flint's earliest settlers on January 15, 1840

THE BUILDING

Thirty-two years after the parish founding, the cornerstone for this Gothic Revival building was set on May 29, 1872

150 YEARS AGO!

The first service at the Intersection of S. Saginaw Street and E. Third Street took place on Sunday August 24, 1873



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FOR GROUP TOURS OR MORE INFORMATION

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Tina Morrison (Worship)
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Jelevia Ford Geraghty
(Member: Diocesan Standing Committee)

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

Fr. Don: Tuesdays-Thursdays
(by appointment)

WOW!

The Month of May is turning-out to be refreshing, exciting, stressful, and exhausting to the seldom Reverend (aka me).

The Month began with my 37th anniversary as a priest and a 7-day conference at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Rural Loranger, Louisiana. The Conference called CREDO is for priests of the church at different times of their short or long tenures. This one was for the retired set, and all expenses for the week, except \$500.00 is paid by the Church Pension Fund. It was a wonderful experience and I am grateful for the opportunity.

The last three days I attended the clergy retreat of the Eastern and Western Dioceses with clergy from everywhere. Although our attendance was down due to the nagging concerns of Covid, but it was productive and pleasing to spend time with Bishop Singh and clergy.

Tomorrow I will meet with the Building Bridges subcommittee in Mt. Pleasant as we "lean-in to being one-diocese while continuing the structure of two. We have much to learn, and we will grow until the Convention where we may vote to become a new Diocese. That vote will be followed by a vote of the General Convention to approve our decision.

Our Vestry will meet this week, the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council (including Elizabeth Jordan, Jelevia Geraghty and I) will meet this coming Saturday.

This coming week will be focused on the 150th anniversary of our building, events surrounding it and our Bishop's visit.

Stay tuned... the best is always coming down the road.

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We Need Help

One of many painful remembrances of Covid is that many of the beloved members of our St. Paul's community are not attending. We pray everyday that they will return as we need them and we miss them.

God's love heals all wounds from the past, and that love and forgiveness can release you from the burden of anger, resentment or anything else that might be keeping you from your church on Sunday morning.

Sometimes small things become large things when they are not confronted. Our efforts at forgiveness and reconciliation in a formal way did not happen as I had hoped, but peacemaking, loving and growing is part of what it means to be Christian, especially now in our painfully divided and isolated world. I appeal to those who have not returned yet, and ask that you reconsider and

come home to your brothers and sisters, to our beautiful 180+ year old church and this year 150th anniversary of our building. I want you to know that you are loved, you are missed and you are needed.

Big needs:

Live-streaming Technicians
Lectors
Ushers and Greeters
Acolytes/Servers
Eucharistic Ministers*
Vestry (One vacant seat)*

** training (election required, to serve on the vestry)
a person must regularly attend, make contributions,
be a baptized communicant, and at least
16 years old.*

For more news and our master calendar
go to:

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