



# Art Speaks

*(Editor's note: Art Walk takes place on the second Friday from 6-8 pm. This month is June 10 in our parlor and our nave. St. Paul's participates with many other places in the downtown area as a way to show support for Art and Artists. Audrey Stephens is our local chairperson.*

## Meet Carla Harden

Using recyclable materials, colors, and symbolism, Carla focuses on experiences within the world while narrating a story within her work. Her work has been exhibited at the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit MI, Greater Flints Art Council, Grand Blanc Arts council as well as a permanent mural within Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Flint, MI.

A Flint local, Carla graduated from College for Creative Studies with a Bachelor in Illustration. She experimented with usage of acrylic paints and charcoal on unique materials such as cardboard, hats, wood, and glass. She found that cardboard was a very interesting material to work with and produced many artworks with different mediums using cardboard as her base. One example is of her self-portrait called "My America," which has been showcased in the Bombay Sapphire art competition, and Flint Public Library for the Pierians of Flint.

Carla has spoken at her high school Grand Blanc High and has donated her art skills as an instructor for "Painting with CC" at Hurley hospital for "Girls night out" a program that is for Breast Cancer survivors and their families. Also to a Sunday school children's mural in Mt Olive Baptist

Church. She wishes to have her art travel internationally and further her development with using different recyclable materials.

## Music

Bass-Baritone Terrence Stewart will be joining us for his first performance with *Music at St. Paul's*. A Philadelphia-area native, Mr. Stewart is a member of the *Brazeal Dennard Chorale*, and has sung with *Carolyn Mawby Chorale*, *Flint Festival Chorus*, and in several *Michigan Opera Theatre* productions, most recently *La Boheme*, and *Eugene Onegin*. In 2014-15 Mr. Stewart performed the role of Betto in *Gianni Schiichi* with *Flint Light Opera*. Terrence is the former Bass Soloist and Bass Section Leader at *First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac*. He is the proud husband of Luciana and father of nine-year old Zion, and is Professor of Sociology at Mott Community College.

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## The Warden's Word

How many times have you heard people say that we at St Paul's are lucky to have endowment funds? I contend that we are not lucky but blessed that so many members were willing to give St Paul's a gift to continue our presence in the Flint community. When you start a college fund for a family member, it is with the intention that the person will be able to obtain the skills necessary to fulfill their career choice. It is focused on their future development. Most people welcome the opportunity to support them. Could they do it on their own? Maybe, but how gratifying for both the giver and receiver to envision and then see the fruits of their gift. This is how I look at an endowment fund.

As I enter our worship space, I see the stories of Jesus in the stained glass windows and read the memorial plaque below each one. The Easter window commissioned by Tiffany's not only displays Mary Magdalene meeting the risen Jesus but also the love and recognition of a brother and sister for their parents strong faith and involvement in St Paul's.

In the coming months we at St Paul's will be offering opportunities for all our members to be able to learn and give to an endowment fund. This does not mean that we do not need the weekly contribution of our members, but that these invested funds can support our mission beyond the ordinary work of the parish.

This is a time for us to dream of supporting projects we would never be able to do with our yearly budget. It is a way to remember and connect with our neighbors. When we first began working with Partners, we were asked what we loved about Flint. Everyone mentioned family. What a nice way to help others enjoy the fellowship and family connections we have formed at St Paul's.

According to the Episcopal Church Foundation, an endowment

- Provides additional support for church ministry beyond what is possible in your annual operating budget

- Reassures donors that there is a well-managed fund for their legacy gifts
- Lasts in perpetuity unless special spending is allowed
- Can spark engagement within your church and in your surrounding community

*2 Corinthians 9:8: And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others*

For His sake, Barbara Mannor

### Second Lector Training Session in 2022

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lector Training Session of the year will be conducted by Tim Grant on June 18. Even if you've attended prior sessions, you may be interested in this expanded learning experience. Even if you don't see yourself in the formal lector role, you will find the training session to be a good way to enhance your own study of the weekly readings at all services.

Lector training sign up sheets will be available in the Parish Welcome Center. Please consider joining the session on June 18.

### A prayer for Transition

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Paul's Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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# Coming Up TBD

*The Reverend Don Davidson, Priest-in-Charge*

Priest's-in-Charge have many duties not alone the ministry and work of being the Interim Rector of a parish for a brief time. I am deeply honored to serve at St. Paul's and June marks my tenth month. That means I have begun the second half of my time with you.

Your Vestry and your Finance Committee are hard at work to come up with the documents necessary to attract and later, with God's help, call a new Rector. Before being able to finalize our resources, I believe it will be helpful to give the congregation a full and transparent report on where we are, especially financially, as we move to the day that the new Rector arrives.

With that thought in mind, **I am announcing my intention to call a special congregational meeting** sometime in August for the purpose of considering two by-law amendments and receiving a report from our Treasurer and Director of Finance on our current financial status. There will be no further business allowed at this meeting.

As you may already know, I am serving as part-time. I admit, I have been working way over 20 hours a week because, as you may know, this parish needs a full-time priest. One of the realities of being part-time is that my position is not as much of a draw on our budget, indeed, one of the reasons we are able to continue our staffing is my part-time status.

Obviously, *this worries me and your vestry*. As members of our community you need to know where we are in a clearly presented way so that you understand our situation as we look toward the fall Stewardship Campaign.

The two by-law amendments relate to our shrinking attendance and membership. As it stands, we need 50 people for a quorum in order to hold an Annual Meeting or Congregational Special Meeting. Sadly, we rarely see 50 people on any Sunday morning. The proposal will change the quorum from an exact number to those present. The Vestry will also ask the congregation to reduce the total membership of the vestry from 9 to 6, electing two rather than three people every year. The Rector, as the President of the Vestry, would vote in the case of a tie.

These two amendments would become effective at the end of the meeting. Those elected in previous years would continue to serve-out their terms, and the Vestry would be permitted to fill the current vacancy as that seat was elected under the current by-laws.

I will announce the date and time of this congregational meeting as soon as I can.

I promise you all that I will continue to work as hard as I can and focus my attention on the doing of God's will, of loving the people entrusted to my cure and to serve this wonderful parish with all the energy I can muster. I ask your prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Don+

[Episcopal News Service] The 80th General Convention will proceed in person this July in Baltimore, Maryland, but it likely will be shorter and smaller, with enhanced safety protocols to further minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections, according to an outline of potential changes presented May 11 by The Episcopal Church's presiding officers.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies, discussed their preliminary plan for a modified General Convention at a special meeting of Executive Council held online and livestreamed. They said that

neither cancellation nor another postponement of General Convention is a viable option.

"There are essential matters for the governance and good order of the church which must be transacted. We are committed to holding the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Baltimore this summer," Curry said in his [remarks](#). "I know how much this commitment to the city of Baltimore and to the Diocese of Maryland matters. But obviously, with the ongoing variation of the COVID pandemic, we are likewise committed to gathering in the safest and healthiest way possible."

## The Music Note

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So many songs came to mind as we have watched the horror from the war in Ukraine to yet another mass shooting of innocent children in Texas. Then I received a lovely note from a prayer partner who prays for me every day and it lifted my spirits. The presence of God can feel tangible when I receive notes like that.

As I was leafing through my hymn devotional, I came across a song written by Kate Wilkinson, published in 1925. She was part of the Anglican Church in Great Britain. It is as follows:

May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of Christ dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of Christ my Savior Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self-abasing, This is victory.

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

This is not a song I have used before, but the words are comforting and bracing and encouraging! Those of you who know me fairly well, know that I have a personal motto to be fearless. And the line, "strong and brave to face the foe" certainly fits into that personal motto.

May we all be strong and brave as we face life and to be aware of the "peace of Christ my savior to rule our lives in everything.

Blessing and peace,

Holly Richardson, Director of Music

### Scholarships Needed for Youth Campers

Summer camp is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn, grow, and develop new friendships.

St Paul's has an opportunity to sponsor scholarships for youth campers to attend Camp Chick-agami also known as Camp Chick, the Episcopal Summer Camp located at Presque Isle.

The Outreach Team is working with Crossover, a nonprofit in Flint that St Paul's helped found



with parishes in the area.

Two camp sessions are planned for July to include two sessions of 20 per session (July 10-16, 3rd -5th graders) and (July 24-30, 6th-8th graders). Crossover is outfitting each camper with the necessary clothing and gear needed for each of the one-week camp sessions.

The cost is \$350 per camper. You have an opportunity to become a scholarship donor in **any amount.**

Make your check payable to St Paul's Episcopal Church with a notation "**Camp Chick Scholarship.**"



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Greetings of Pentecost, my dear friends.

*The Right Reverend Prince Singh*

It is one of the gifts that we have as a church, when we read in our collect that the Spirit is really calling us as a teacher — a teacher of our hearts to open us up to be strengthened so we may do the work of really building beloved community.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, we hear these words,

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are a variety of services but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The one is given through the Spirit the utterance wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of powerful beings, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually, just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the church in action. So, beloved, as we come out of this fog of a pandemic, I invite you to consider your gifts. I invite you in the name of the church to go deep into yourself as you have, especially these last two years. Explore how you want to use the gifts God has given you in order to make this world, our church, and all of life a whole lot better.

We need your gifts. The church needs it. Your local church needs it. The dioceses need it.

Whatever your gift, I hope you will talk to somebody, your priest, your counselor, your friend — someone that you respect to figure out a way for you to actively engage in making this world a better place. That is Pentecost in action, when the spirit of God comes upon everyone so that each of us can bring our gifts to make this world a much better place. +Prince

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