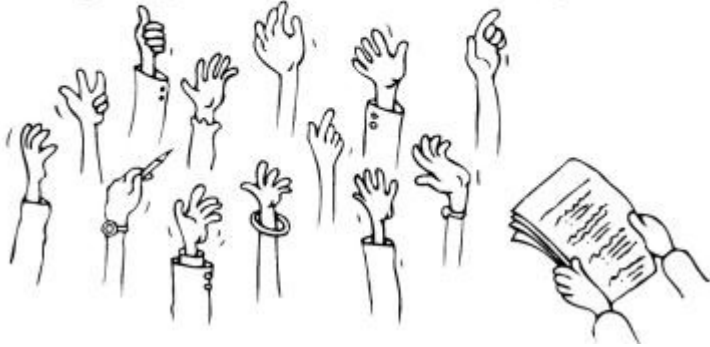




Special Congregational Meeting



August 14, 2022
following Sunday Service

Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, I hereby call a Special Meeting of our congregation following the Sunday service on August 14, 2022.

The only item of business for the morning will be the presentation of two amendments to the by-laws as follows:

- 1) to remove the requirement of 50 communicants in good standing in order to conduct the Annual Meeting and any special meetings.
- 2) to reduce the total number of elected vestry members from 9 (three elected each Annual Meeting) to 6 (two elected at each Annual Meeting).

No other business will be conducted, no other business will be in order.

Following the dispatch of the by-law amendments, the Priest-in-Charge, Treasurer and Director of Finance will make a mid-year presentation concerning our parish finances as we move into the calling of a new Rector. This presentation will include an opportunity for questions and answers.

Sunday Service
10:00 AM
Starting August
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The Reverend Don Davidson, Priest-in-Charge

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden

Historic St. Paul's Celebrates 150 YEARS AT THE INTERSECTION!

REUNION & OPEN HOUSE!

AUGUST 13-14, 2022

CONNECTIONS...

WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION TO HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S?

- Were you Married, Baptized, or Confirmed at St. Paul's?
- Did you sing in a Choir or serve on the Vestry?
- Have you visited for a tour, concert, or Artwalk?
- Have you attended a community event, or public meeting!

YOU ARE INVITED...EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

- Renew your marriage vows! (Saturday 8/13th @ 4PM)
- Bring your cameras (photographers welcome!)
- Reconnect with your fellow choristers
- Take a walking tour through Historic St. Paul's
- Enjoy a hot dog or an ice cream with old friends

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY - AUGUST 13, 2022 **SUNDAY - AUGUST 14, 2022**

1PM: Open House / Tours

9AM: Worship Service

2PM: Ice Cream Picnic

10AM: Rector's Tea

3PM: Organ Demo (3PM)

4PM: Evening Prayer/Vow Renewal



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ARTWALK REMINDER!

St. Paul's will be open on Friday evening, August 12 for ARTWALK!

FOR GROUP TOURS OR MORE INFORMATION

Email: Intersection150@stpaulschurchflint.com

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The Warden's Word

I watched Downton Abbey and loved how the Crawley family had to deal with all the changes taking place around them. No matter how they wanted to keep their old ways of doing things it became quite clear that it was going to be impossible to continue the old lifestyle. If you did not watch the series, the story revolved around a British aristocratic family and their lavish life style during the early twentieth century. They had servants that not only ran the household but also dressed the family members. The main employers of the community were wealthy landowners. Being employed by these families was considered a secure profession. The employer felt privileged to be able to take care of so many employees. But the world was changing. The family's income was reduced and more jobs became available with industrialization.

I compare St Paul's to the transformation that took place with the Crawley family. We like to remember and reflect on the days when we had many members and plenty of income. The world has changed. For the majority of people today, their first priority on Sunday morning is not attending church. However, instead of looking at this as a lost cause we need to look at it as an opportunity! The annual meeting in August will be an opportunity for us to begin this process. That is why we want to refocus our energies and realign our bylaws. The necessity to have 50 members present at an annual meeting is a lofty goal that is no longer attainable. We need to have a meeting with the active members attending and voting no matter the actual number. The second issue is the size of the vestry. As the active membership has declined, we find we have the vestry members not only on the vestry but also leading all the committees. Reducing the size of the vestry should help us encourage others to serve. Hopefully it will lead us to invigorating our various ministries.

One might say these are lofty goals. Yes, but just as we celebrate our 150 years since the birth of St Paul's, we must also look at how we are to live our next 150 years. Hopefully these changes will be a sign that we are willing to embrace our present situation and welcome the new rector that is chosen to serve at St Paul's. *(next page)*



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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.

ARTWALK

August 12, 6-8pm

This month for Artwalk, we are featuring Melissa Boyd and her collection of photographs called 'A Colorful Journey.'

Boyd describes her art as a self-expression of her travels. "I filter and capture everything of interest in my viewfinder, seeing it all potentially on canvas. I love to explore the scenes of my life with the colors on my pallet. My goal is to learn and inspire."

Boyd's studies include; photo journalist at MCC and Brookhaven CC.

Music for the evening will be brought by our own Matthew Benkert on our Dalton Memorial Organ.

A feast for the senses awaits at Artwalk this month.



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Office Saints

Due to current parish financial situation and the area employment situation, it is extremely difficult to find candidates for an Administrative Assistant position. Qualified candidates desire full-time positions with benefits which is beyond the budget constraints of most congregations.

We may be in the position of not being able to have a staff member answer the phone, or open our door for the foreseeable future.

In order to help that situation, we will consider a new ministry called "Office Saints."

Office Saints are members of the St. Paul's Community who assist in keeping the St. Paul's office open during times when an Administrative Assistant is not available.

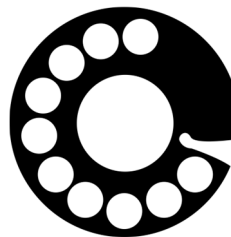
The hope is to keep the office occupied from 9:00-2:00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

If you have a difficult time keeping any matter confidential (only to yourself, including spouse or immediate family) please do not consider becoming an Office Saint. You must be able to keep every visitor, every phone call, every overheard conversation totally unto yourself. Total confidentiality is required and expected. For example, you may not say that "I saw _____ at the church this morning" or "Mr. _____ called this morning to talk to the priest." Divulging information could change the lives of people and rupture the confidence of anyone seeking the church/priest in times of difficulty. This is the most important and serious aspect of serving as an Office Saint: the ability to be silent about everything you see and hear. If you participate in any gossip-like conversations, this is not a ministry for you.

Office Saints will answer and transfer phone calls, listen to messages left on our answering service and pass on call back requests, talk with people at the door and open the door. They may learn how to run our copier and folding machines.

If you would be interested in serving and feel you are willing to keep confidences unto yourself alone, please contact Fr. Don at rector@stpaulschurchflint.com.

If you would be interested in serving as the lead for the Office Saints (keep the schedule and communicate) please let Fr. Don know about that too.



Our older phone system, is now up and running again with a little help from Comcast.

It is likely that when you call, there will not be anyone to answer the phone, so five-rings later our answering system will answer, allowing you to connect to the person with who you wish you speak or leave a message. The System also has information like office hours and service times.

We will need a new phone system that will tie-in easier to our service, and allow us to open the door from the phones. That is almost \$10,000.00. Contributions Welcome!



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The Music Note

Dear Music in the Heart of the City Supporter,

Once again, I wish to thank you for your support of our Music in the Heart of the City concert series, here at St. Paul's. We are excited to dedicate this year's series to Doug & Joan Colton, who generously donated the piano that Tyler will play this year.

Our fund-raising event will be held Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 6-9p, at my residence. Enclosed is an invitation for "Cocktails on the Patio" music provided by the Joe Wright Combo. All donations go directly to the funding of our concert series and will help continue to provide music in the beautiful space of St. Paul's.

Our special Artist in Residence for the 2022-2023 is Pianist Tyler Kivel, and he has programed some amazing things for three different concerts.

We are also pleased to have Classical Saxophonist, Kenneth Tse & his collaborative pianist and wife Casey Dierlam Tse.

April will feature Mary Procopio, flute with Dirk Neiuwehuis on Saxophone.

This is our schedule for this season:

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| Kick Off with Joe Wright Combo | August 11 6-9pm @ Holly's |
| Mr. POPular with Tyler Kivel | October 23@4:00 |
| Classica Saxophonist Kenneth & Casey Tse | November 20@4:00 |
| Music from the Americas! With Tyler Kivel | January 22@4:00 |
| Portraits of Man with Tyler Kivel | March 19@4:00 |
| Flute & Saxophone with Mary Procopio & Dirk Neiuwehuis | April 23@4:00 |

I hope you will continue to support this wonderful concert series.

Holly Richardson,
Artistic Director & Director of Music

Warden's Word continued

One other issue that we will look at with better understanding is the financial records. Using a more complete detailed explanation of expenses and wages should help everyone really understand how our pledges and the endowment funds support our church building and mission.

Watch over St Paul's church family O Lord, as we continue to follow your will. Bless and guide us each day. Strengthen us to accept the challenges we face, Comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise us up when we fall. *Bless* and guide *us*, and in *our* hearts may thy peace which passeth all understanding abide all the days of *our lives*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For His Sake Barbara Mannor



Not new lawn art. Bonor Manufacturing has been working to preserve the stone in our building so it lasts for many years to come.

Baptisms and Standish

Baptism is full initiation into the Body of Christ. There is nothing one can do, or say, or be that makes a person a Christian beyond Baptism. People can be more informed by learning what scripture is saying, more active by serving and loving, more open to the call of the Holy Spirit or even more dedicated but Baptism is where the journey begins. Baptism is not about what we do, it is about what God does. Sponsors and parents make vows for us if we are baptized before we can make those vows for ourselves. Later, we are given the opportunity in the presence of a Bishop to confirm those baptismal vows within the body of the church. I look at confirmation as getting your Christian driver's license.

Grace Episcopal Church in Standish has gone through some really rough times over the last five-years. The pandemic stopped services that never came back. A flood and a not the best contractor just about did them in. They have only 10 or so active members in a community that has also suffered.

Yet with all that misery and difficulty, the saints of Standish gathered on a Sunday afternoon and together brought two souls into unity with Christ and the Episcopal Church. Alleluia!

St. Paul's sent our altar flowers. St. Jude's sent Chrism oil. The Diocesan Standing Committee sent me, and the Holy Spirit arrived long before anyone else.

Welcome Cole and Deegen.

