



Why Bother

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden

Why do you attend St Paul's? This is a question being asked of us by the Search Committee. I have been trying to put into words how to respond.

My family has always attended an Episcopal church. I found that my church family was always more accepting than my secular friends. Even though I was not a gifted singer, I could sing in the youth choir. When my father was dying, it was a place I could talk about his final days and the parishioners understood that it is ok to die. I was able to share my faith with young people and later find out it made an impact on their lives.

I remember first coming to worship at St Paul's 30 years ago. The service was orderly and many people were serving as ushers, acolytes, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. It was evident that the parishioners loved the church. It wasn't just the beautiful building but the relationships with each other. Often visitors would stop by to get warm and rest. They were welcomed.

Things change. Rectors seek new opportunities and families grow. Children graduate and move to attend college or jobs outside Michigan. However, listening to the words of the Bible and singing praises to God continue. We are fed the body and blood of Christ and become equipped to spread the kingdom of God.

Why do I continue to attend St Paul's? It is a place where I feel comfortable to connect

with God and listen for his guidance. I am a member of a church family. Many diverse people believing in Jesus's love. A place to find renewal and refuge from the stress of everyday life.

As I look at the stained-glass windows, I can feel a connection to the many previous members who gave these stories of Jesus in glass. They honored the memory of their loved ones by choosing scripture lessons that these people took to heart and conveyed to other human beings. Maybe I can sum it up in one sentence. I feel I belong as a Child of God and find salvation in Jesus's sacrifice not only for me but the whole world.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen

For Christ's Sake,

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Art Walk, November 11, 2022

Kim Kwaz McKerracher

Kim has been a nurse for over 40 years which has included a director of nursing position along with other management posi-



tions. She has been a single mom of twins, a professional beach volleyball player, a national wallyball champion, an all-American, and a high school and club coach. Kim also experienced divorce, many deaths in her family, and many deaths in her

profession.

She took up painting and drawing around the year 2000 to help deal with the stress. "I have found that when I am painting, I feel

like I am in the right place at the right time, just for the moment.

She has won numerous awards through the years including including Best of Show and People's Choice. Recent awards includes first-place at Bay City's Tall Ships paint out, and an honorable mention at Paint Grand Traverse competition in Traverse City that included many nation plein air artists,

"Painting nature and people can bring beauty into our lives. To be reminded of a happy feeling or a peaceful faction can be healing to our spirits. Art is an intervention for our hectic lives.

*I believe all art is valid
It may shout perfection to the masses
It may speak prose to the few
Or just whisper meaning to the one.
I believe all art is valid*

Flint, Mich. Communities First, Inc. (CFI) a local nonprofit, is renovating the Community Enrichment Center (CEC). Formerly known as the Christ Enrichment Center, the building was as an important community space in Flint for decades before CFI took over operation in 2019. CFI has a vision to update the property to promote accessibility and transform it into a multiuse facility with free programs for families focusing on community health and wealth building.

However, CFI is requesting community members help to get the facility ready for new programs. CFI is looking to rehome hundreds of items including furniture, home décor, office and crafts supplies, music equipment and so much more.

"We want to be responsible stewards of the building" said Glenn Wilson, President/CEO of Communities First, Inc. "That's why we're hosting the Community Enrichment Center Sale-a-bration and inviting local nonprofit organizations and community members to take what they need and spread the word about this event."

Donations are encouraged and all funds will be used to support the physical improvements at CEC. All items will be claimed on a first come first serve basis, so community members are invited to submit their requests today.



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On that Note

The month of Thanksgiving is upon us. One of my favorite hymns, and maybe yours is "Come ye Thankful People Come." At our house it is also hunting season, which means hours spent outdoors, watching leaves fall gently to the ground, birds pecking at the ground, and squirrels running busily to and fro from tree to tree. For me Autumn is the most beautiful time of year, I love the color, and the trees were glorious this year. I do not need to worry about gifts, I can just enjoy the season and be thankful.

1 Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home	3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be	4 Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Thankful for so many things and people that are in my life. This month ends our giving campaign, I hope you have found a way to express your gratitude to God through tithes, offerings and service

This hymn was written by Henry Alfred, the son of a Vicar and educated at Cambridge. He died as the Dean of Canterbury in 1857. [As we celebrate Veteran's Day, Transgender Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving and Advent 1 this month, may we truly be Thankful for all God has granted us.](#)

Here is a little different spin on one of our beloved hymns:

<https://youtu.be/DVCqrJ3Qfqk>

Holly Richardson, Director of Music

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

On Sunday November 27th, and December 11th the Committee will host Coffee and Conversation after service in Barth Hall. We will each be at a table facilitating a discussion of one of the questions that we sent out previously.

We will set a timer for 10 minutes, have our discussion and rotate on to the next question of your choice. With this format we should be able to accomplish 3 questions each week.

If you are unable to participate in person, you can put your answers in the box at the welcome center, or talk with any committee member. We're looking forward to learning everything you want to say!

In Christ's peace,
The Search Committee



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The 28th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan was held jointly with the 128th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan in downtown Lansing last weekend. This is the third joint convention of the two dioceses. During the closing service of Holy Eucharist, a priest from Kenya was admitted and recognized in the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Western Michigan, Two Deacons were ordained priest and our own Joe Kennedy was ordained to the sacred order of Deacons. Joe is a transitional Deacon, meaning he will later be ordained a priest of the church. From Top right moving left, the actual moment of ordination (laying-on-of-hands) by Bishop Prince Singh our Bishop Provisional. The Kennedy family including from left, CJ (son), Karissa (sister), Sharyl (Mom), Mike (Dad) Joe, Stephanie (spouse) and Meghan (Sister-in-law). David Kennedy is serving in the U.S. Army overseas and could not be present.

During the Convention, Dr. Elizabeth Jordan was honored with the Plowshares award recognizing her service as a member of the Diocesan Council and as a Deputy representing the Diocese at General Convention, and her service as a Committee Chairperson. We are very proud. Our Convention Delegates were Jelevia Geraghty, Shane Geraghty, TaMara Oertel (Audrey Stephens was unable to attend). Also attending Fr. Don and Marcie Davidson, Dr. Elizabeth Jordan Mike Oertel and David Powell. Jelevia and Fr. Don serve on the Diocesan Standing Committee and along with Dr. Jordan serve on the Diocesan Council. Next year's convention will be held in Saginaw.

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Announcements

Without an Administrative Assistant, we cannot always answer the phone, and we cannot remotely unlock the door. The best way is to call us on your cell phone from the parking-lot and let us know that you wish in. Call 810-234-8637, Thank you for your understanding.

Our master-calendar of all church events is online. Copies of the calendar may be posted around the church, but please remember that the only correct copy is online. The calendar is a menu link from our website stpaulschurchflint.com

Have you ever thought about being a licensed Worship Leader? The Reverend Curt Norman and members of the Diocese will be leading instruction on November 5, at St. John's Church in downtown Saginaw. You must be licensed to lead Morning Prayer on Sunday or as a major service.

Christmas eve Cantata practice has begun, see Holly if you are interested. All voices needed.

Help Wanted If you know anyone who has exceptional computer skills especially word and Publisher, and would enjoy a part-time job of 17 or so hours a week; we are looking for an Administrative Assistant for St. Paul's Church. Although not impossible, the confidentiality requirement is particularly difficult for our own members. If interested, please contact Fr. Don (see info to the left).

Home Visits Long ago, priests would make visits to those who were ill or homebound without advance warning, mostly because everyone was home. Due to many issues those days ended many years ago. If you would like to have Fr. Don (or a Eucharistic Visitor) bring communion to your home, please contact the church. We would LOVE to see you, and we do care about you, but nowadays, you need to contact us first. Please call the church 810-234-8637 ext. 216, or email frdon@stpaulschurchflint.com, and let us know.



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*I was glad when they said unto me
We will go to the house of the Lord!*

Children from pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for Children's Chapel. Older children are welcome to come help if they would like. We will leave the sanctuary right during the opening hymn and return to the Sanctuary during the Peace.

Children's Chapel will be filled with stories from the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally

Lloyd Jones, crafts, singing and prayer. We will worship together encouraging children to be part of the service by being candlelighters, readers or helpers. We will take time to share our thoughts about what we have learned and join together to praise God, share our thanksgivings and our concerns through prayer.

In Christ's Service,

Betty Anne Taylor

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 713-502-6925.

