



Senior Warden Vestry Report

May 24, 2023

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

In 1901, the Reverend R. E. MacDuff described our 150-year-old cornerstone as follows:

“The cornerstone is in the northwest corner of the church, and has a gothic cross carved in high relief upon its center, and on either side of the cross the words and figures, May the 29th, A. D. 1872.”

On that day, the stone was set precisely as a true point from which the direction and dimensions of the foundation would be measured and set according to the architect’s plans. This week, we mark the 151st anniversary of the event. We can recall the words of vestry members, clergy, craftsmen, and take a moment to reflect on the hopes of those present that day. (And for the record, the cornerstone was indeed set on the 29th, but the carved inscription reads May 20th.)

1. Gratitude

- a. I continue to be grateful for the work of each committee and ministry group. Special recognition is due the Outreach Committee for the splendid Tea Party held at the Sloan last week. Such a lovely afternoon spent together with friends.
- b. I am grateful for the friendships and partnerships we have formed and continue to form with our neighbors. I’m particularly grateful for:
 - Our friends at Hoffman’s Deco Deli. Our ‘Reverend Brown Ploughman’ is their featured sandwich through May and June, with proceeds benefitting Crossover Outreach.
 - The leadership and staff members of Sloan Museum of Discovery for all of the time, talent, and treasure that went into preparing our ‘150 Years at the Intersection’ exhibit. Special thanks as well to Barb Manor and Joyce Leroue for their work in organizing and gathering artifacts for the exhibit.
- c. On a more concrete level... I’m grateful for our new sidewalks!

2. Updates

- a. The new dishwasher (Jackson) is installed, plumbed, wired, and working. The vendor will be here on Thursday May 25th @ 10am to do an orientation and demo.
- b. The new ‘St. Paul’s Parish - News and Notes’ Facebook group is up and running. This group is our private parish group, a place for parishioners to communicate about items of interest to other members. Any member can post to this group. The group now has 46 members!
- c. We continue to use our public facing Facebook page, ‘St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’, to share information with the broader community. If there are items/events that your ministry/committee would like to have posted the public page, it is best if requests come to Edythe Peake from Committee/Ministry Chairs or the respective assigned vestry member.



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3. St. Paul's Ministry Goals/Priorities

- a. Within the first year, we will identify the specific elements of its mission in this next season of ministry. The visioning process will also identify measurable steps to reach the overall goal.
- b. Following the identification of mission, we will live into that vision by working through the measurable steps identified. Yearly reviews will ensure that the process is on track.
- c. St. Paul's, Flint will continue the work it has begun in building a deeper relationship with the community surrounding the church building.

4. Committee/Ministry Work

As we focus on our ministry priorities and the work of each committee/ministry, my hope is that we will continue to find ways to collaborate, communicate, and share the fun with each other. Our respective roles as vestry liaisons, position us to facilitate this process and encourage teamwork among and between the various groups.

5. Community Collaborations, Activities, and Events

(Open Doors, Welcome Neighbors, Share Gifts, Build Community!)

- a. Glenwood Cemetery Tour: May 23, 2023 @ 6pm (150th Committee)
- b. Blood Drive at St. Paul's: May 26, 2023, 11AM – 4:45PM (Stewardship Committee)
- c. Groundbreaking/Spring Cleanup: June 10, 9am-12pm (150th/Building and Grounds)
- d. Juneteenth: June 9 through June 19, 2023 (Diversity)
- e. Community Pride Service: June 24, 2023 @ 11am (Diversity/Worship and Liturgy)
- f. Back to the Bricks - Concessions/Tours: 8am-4pm (Hospitality?/150th)
- g. Bobby Crim - Blessing of the Runners: August 26, 2023 @ 5:30am (Worship & Liturgy)
- h. 150th Anniversary Worship/Social: Sunday August 27, 2023 (All Hands)

Respectfully Submitted: Walter A. Peake, March 21, 2023