



THE EPISTLE



June
2023



150TH HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SOCIAL

OPENING DOORS - AUGUST 27, 2023

On August 24, 1873, the doors of St. Paul's 'new' building were opened for worship at the intersection for the very first time. The historic church building is 150 years old and for the past year, our friends and neighbors have helped us celebrate and remember the role that St. Paul's and its people have played in building our community.

On August 27th, 2023 we'll commemorate the anniversary of that first service of 150 years ago, with a '150th Homecoming Worship Service and Community Social'.

WELCOMING NEIGHBORS - HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY SOCIAL

The 150th Homecoming Worship Service and Community Social will be the final event of our 150th Season of Celebration, and our hope is to engage each of our committees/ministries in planning/supporting this event with the following goals in mind:

1. Share our gratitude for the many gifts that we have been given, including the time, talent, and treasure that built and sustained the congregation and this building through the years.
2. Invite and welcome our neighbors and members (former and current) for a time of celebration and fellowship.
3. Reinforce and enhance relationships, and engage the individuals and organizations with whom we have collaborated throughout our season of celebration.



SHARING GIFTS - CAN YOU HELP?

There is much to be done in preparation for the August 27th event. We are especially interested in reaching out and inviting old friends and earlier St. Paul's families to return and celebrate our shared history together. Would you be willing to help? If you'd like to help with this (or any other aspect of the event), we invite you to contact any of the Steering Committee or Vestry members.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

The 150th project was conceived and guided by the recognition that the anniversary represented an opportunity to; *"Open Doors, Welcome Neighbors, Share Gifts, and Build Community"*. The steering committee committed to ensuring that every activity and program would be centered around opportunities to build **relationships** and engage in meaningful **collaboration** within the parish and throughout the community, never doing things alone when there is an opportunity to partner.

Along the way, we've collaborated with the dozens of individuals and organizations, including the University of Michigan-Flint, Glenwood Cemetery, Downtown Development Authority, Friends of the Alley, Keep Genesee County Beautiful, Genesee County Historical Society, Flint City Bike Tours, Flint Social Club, Flint Public Art Project, Sloan Museum of Discovery, Ruth Mott Foundation/Applewood, Saint Cecilia Society, the What's Up Downtown Flint project, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, First Presbyterian Church, Riverside Tabernacle (Now Every Nation Assembly of God Church), Court Street Methodist Church, and the Diocese of Eastern and Western Michigan.

WHAT'S NEXT - 151 YEARS AND BEYOND

Our 150th 'Season of Celebration' has served as a vehicle to build, renew, and restore relationships with our neighbors. The Steering Committee hopes to continue this work going forward and build on the things already accomplished. Watch for upcoming events, including our fall service at Glenwood Cemetery!



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A Note from Tom

I once told a principal of mine that I was "rock star" when it came to teaching the civil rights movement. For at least 15 years I had taught American History with what I thought was a pretty thorough unit on the Civil Rights Movement of the 20th century. I covered it all: Plessy vs. Ferguson, Brown vs. Board of Ed., Emmett Till, the Little Rock Nine, The Sit-ins, The Montgomery Bus Boycott, Birmingham, the Freedom Riders, and the speeches of Dr. King.

And now I discover that I wasn't such a rock star after all.

Because I had never heard of the Tougaloo Nine. Who were the Tougaloo Nine? They were nine college kids who staged a sit-in at the whites-only Jackson Main Library in Jackson, Mississippi. They were called the Tougaloo Nine because they all attended Tougaloo College, an historically black college (HBCU) located in Jackson, Mississippi.

Trained for the sit-in by Medgar Evers (the NAACP field secretary who was murdered in 1963), the plan of action was simple. The nine students would go into the library, sit at different tables, and quietly read books. Known as the "read-in", the students were arrested and, incredibly, convicted for disturbing the peace. I guess they were reading too loudly.

It seems laughable now, but the nine Tougaloo kids were pretty darn brave. Although they were sentenced to 30 days in jail and \$100 fine, they very easily could have been lynched.

Mississippi was a viscusly racist state, with harsh Jim Crow laws and violent white-supremacy groups.

And as I'm sure many of you know, St. Paul's was blessed to have **Al Cook**, one of the Tougaloo Nine, as a long-time member of the congregation. His recent passing has elicited an outpouring of memories of a beloved friend, a gracious gentleman, and a civil rights pioneer.

Jesus said, "...let the oppressed go free..."



Al Cook risked his life to stop oppression. May his life be an inspiration to us all. And may God grant him the blessed rest of eternal peace.

And a safe place to read.

With every blessing...

Tom+

HOLLY'S NOTES

I spent the last ten days taking care of my four-year-old granddaughter and 17-month-old granddaughters their parents celebrated ten years of marriage. I kept to the schedule they are used to, so that everyone would be happier. We only suffered minor meltdowns, each of us only having one meltdown each, yes, including grandmama!

As we were driving around Phoenix, the eldest granddaughter began to hang onto the handle above her car seat pretending she was on a zip line. The pure joy she exhibited as we went over bridges and up down on the expressway was fun! God gives us such joy over the little things in life, like riding in the car with grandchildren. The joy of a child is unexplainable, but so tangible, because they express the glee that they feel without abandonment. They also clearly express themselves when they are unhappy. Children seek us when they are unhappy, uncertain, happy, joyful, all of these things I experienced last week. Esther, who is 17 months old, knew I was her person last week, and anytime she was uncertain, she would turn to me with arms uplifted for comfort. We as adults also do this, but to our heavenly Father who guides, sustains and comforts us. I looked up the following song and it so clearly expresses God's care of us:

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

This song was written by Walter C. Smith in 1867 a Scotsman who was also a clergyperson. This hymn is comforting to me because it talks about the ups and downs of life and through it all God's love and care of us is continuous, whether we are as gleeful as a child pretending to be on a zipline or having a meltdown that passes as a summer storm, God has "fountains of goodness and love."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS3QinSmPHI&pp=ygUgaW1tb3J0YWwgaW52aXNpYmxlIGdvdzCBvbm5lIHdpc2U%3D>

Holly Richardson, Director of Music



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Meet 'Jackson'!

Jackson has arrived and settled into his position in our kitchen. He has been formally installed and has already started his work.

Formal introductions/orientation will be completed next Thursday, May 25 @ 10am. Representatives from Stafford-Smith (the vendor) will be visiting to show us how Jackson works, answer questions, and make sure we know how to keep Jackson working at his best.

I hope that everyone can join us next Thursday for the orientation. Please let me know if you'll be able to join us. If you can't be there, we'll be happy to share the information at another time.

Peace,

Walt



THE BLOOD DRIVE IS RESCHEDULED TO JULY 7

Join Us at Camp Do Good! There will be cots in Barth Hall.

Be part of something big. Make an appointment. St. Paul's is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 7, 2023 11:00 AM - 4:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code flintstpaul) or call 1-800-733-2767. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions. If you register early, you may be eligible to receive a special gift from the Red Cross.

This event is being organized by our own Dr. Susumu Inoue, whose areas of expertise are Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Pediatric Hemophilia, and Pediatric Sickle Cell.





News from the Stewardship Ministry June 2023



ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17: 7-8

This year, TENS has given us a wonderfully appropriate image, passage, and phrase, to consider as we engage our 2023 Stewardship program.

1. What does it mean to have been ‘planted by the water’?
2. In what ways are we ‘like a tree planted by the water’?
3. What does it mean to ‘send out (our) roots by the stream’?
4. How do we send out our roots by this stream?

ST. PAUL’S 2023 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

In the coming weeks and months, the Stewardship Ministry will have plenty of opportunities to share abundant gifts in community.

- **Blood Drive:** The next event is our Red Cross Blood Drive, which will take place in Barth Hall on July 7, 2023.
- **Planned Giving Session:** Learn about planned/legacy giving from local and national experts. We are scheduling two opportunities to take place during upcoming coffee hours. The first will feature a representative from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. A later event will involve a representative from the Episcopal Church Foundation. Watch for dates as these events will be published on the parish calendar.
- **Ministry Fair:** Have you ever wondered what each parish ministry actually does? Have you ever considered joining one or more of the ministries? Watch for dates as these events will be published on the parish calendar.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

- a. Blood Drive at St. Paul’s: July 7, 11AM – 4:45PM (Stewardship Committee)
- b. Groundbreaking/Spring Cleanup: June 10, 9am-12pm (150th/Building and Grounds)
- c. Juneteenth: June 9 through June 19, 2023 (Diversity - See fliers at Welcome Center)
- d. Pride Day/Community Service: June 24, 2023 @ 11am (Diversity/Worship and Liturgy)
- e. Back to the Bricks - Concessions/Tours: 8am-4pm (Back to the Bricks Team)
- f. Bobby Crim - Blessing of the Runners: August 26, 2023 @ 5:30am (Worship & Liturgy)
- g. **150th Anniversary Worship/Social: Sunday August 27, 2023 (All Hands)**

OPEN DOORS, WELCOME NEIGHBORS, SHARE GIFTS, BUILD COMMUNITY!

Special Events!

Glad Spirits of St. Paul's



Cloister Photo by Father Tom Manney

Symbolizing St. Paul, "Spiritus Gladius," means "Sword of the Spirit". This emblem adorns our cloister as a reverent demonstration of our deference to St. Paul.



With Glad Spirits, let's lovingly spruce up our grounds!



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Saturday, June 10, 2023

9:00 am - Noon

**GLAD SPIRITS
GARDEN & GROUNDS DAY**

ANNUAL Community Pride Service

**Saturday, June 24, 2023
11:00 am**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Please join us for this annual service. Share a time of prayer and reflection in the Episcopal tradition of love and inclusion.

God loves us all - No exceptions.



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**Guest Preacher:
Beckett LeClaire**



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June Artwalk

Seeing Beautiful Art Through A Different Lens

Our St. Paul's Artwalk is truly amazing. The Artwalk is open to everyone with many participating organizations. Such an inspiration to see such amazing talent and breathtaking pieces of art. Our May Artwalk will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, June 9, 2023.

One of this month's artist for our Artwalk is **Collette Weier**:

"Once upon a time a man and a woman got together had me.

"I am an imperfect person navigating life in sometimes turbulent waters. These waters flow in the true North of God's Beacon of light in a world that is sometimes dark and confusing. My eyes have experienced a lot, seen a lot, and still have faith there are better days ahead.

"Art is life and life is artful; a mindful, living, breathing experience. God be with you on your journey."

Our musical artist for the month of June will be **Musica Royale**. Musica Royale, founded in 1996, is an early music ensemble based in the metropolitan Detroit area. The ensemble specializes in music of the Renaissance and Middle Ages and also performs classic and contemporary wedding and Christmas music.

Musica Royale is featured annually at the Michigan Renaissance Festival, and has also performed at the Greater Flint Art Council, Tunes at Noon, Flint Institute of Arts, Somerset Collection, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Science Center, Grand Rapids Science Museum, and numerous weddings and other public and private gatherings.

Musica Royale has recorded three CD's: "A Renaissance Christmas", "Renaissance Hits and Near Misses", "Festival, Frolic, and Fantasy".

Musica Royale incorporates a wide variety of instruments in their performances, both from the Renaissance and Middle Ages such as recorders, crumhorns, harp, violin, guitar, cello, bowed psaltery, and percussion, and also can add contemporary instruments such as flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, and keyboard.

Musica Royale offers many types of Renaissance, Medieval, Christmas/December holiday, and traditional music for festive and educational public and private events.

For more information about Musica Royale's rates and availability, please contact: Mary Ann Fischer, 248-701-5145, maryannfischer1@aol.com.

Please come and experience for yourself why St. Paul's Art Walk is Amazing.



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St. Paul's is partnering with Crossover Outreach and others as Crossover works on signing up 40 campers this summer.

Parishioners are encouraged to support a youth camper with a full scholarship of \$450 or any amount for the youth summer camp adventure at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, the Episcopal summer camp and retreat. St. Paul's provides the round-trip bus transportation for the campers but donations are needed by June 30 to support the campers for the week of camp activities, including pre-camp party costs, food on the way up and back, and clothing for camp activities such as water shoes

Make your donation to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crossover Outreach - Camp Chick.



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REQUIRED: BRING TO SIGN-UP

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- Health Card
- Photo
- MDHHS Paperwork
- \$10.00
- Medication Details

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PARKING

Parking Rules to resume soon. We have received our new parking passes. We will be handing them out soon and organizing a list of those who will need to replace their previous tags. This will occur some time in mid June. We will keep you all updated. If there are any questions regarding this please send an email to:

STPOffice@stpaulschurchflint.com



For our Homebound Parishoners:

Liz Barnhart, Joy Fuzi, Judy Stoerman, Doris Carroll, Marion Lemman, Richard Wooten, Donna Henneke, Donald and Elaine Kaye, Sandy Ryder, Greg Vanucci, Russ Matar

Remember St. Paul's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502, and its successor, the greater of \$_____, or _____percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."

Prayers Wanted:

Please add your prayer requests to the clipboard on the counter at the welcome center.

This list will be updated weekly.



Make plans to attend: the ordination of the Reverend Joe Kennedy to the sacred order of priests. Joe's ordination will take place on June 24th at 3pm at St. David's Episcopal Church in Lansing.

Joe will be preaching at St. Paul's this Sunday at the 10am service.

Congratulations Joe!



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