



**THE  
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**April  
2024**



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**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## A Note from Tom

Last month was Women's History Month. I would never have known of Women's History month were it not for the St. Paul's Diversity Committee...

As luck would have it, I happened to read an article recently by a bishop of the Anglican Church of North America, sometimes referred to as the ACNA. The ACNA was founded in 2009 by former members of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada who were dissatisfied with the social teachings in their former churches, particularly the welcoming of LGBTQ members. It should be noted that the ACNA is not a member province of the world-wide Anglican Communion.

The name of the bishop who wrote the article is Chris Warner. The title of the article is *Blessed is the Fruit of your Womb*. The topic: abortion.

Now to be fair, much of the article was reasonable. Bishop Warner described his wife's pregnancy with his first child. He discussed how he prayed for the unborn baby and felt the baby kick. He mentioned the story (from the Gospel of Luke) of the cousins Mary and Elizabeth, recalling that the unborn baby (John the Baptist) "leaped" in Elizabeth's womb at the sound of Mary's voice.

But then Bishop Warner wrote this: "Now we live in a culture that says the unborn are not alive."

Not alive?

In my mind, Bishop Warner's anti-abortion essay broke down at this point. I do not believe – nor have I ever – that an unborn fetus is not alive. Furthermore, I can also say that it would be my wish that every expectant mother *chooses* to carry her unborn baby to full term. But therein lies the problem. Anti-abortion rhetoric focuses only on the unborn baby. It consistently stops at the baby while quietly discriminating against the mother.

Because laws that prohibit abortion simultaneously subordinate women. Taking away a woman's right to make decisions regarding her own healthcare excludes women from social equality. Simply put, banning abortions puts women down.

I believe, as Bishop Warner writes, that "life is precious". But this includes the mother's life. "Abortion" is an ugly word, but it is no less ugly than "discrimination". Laws that prohibit abortion promote discrimination.

Thank God for Women's History Month.

With every blessing...

Tom+

## HOLLY'S NOTES

April 7 the Chancel Choir will sing "Like the murmur of the dove's song." As a child when I stayed the night with my grandparents I would hear the comforting murmur of the dove at their house. It was always comforting and peaceful and that is what this hymn reminds me of. Peace and contentment that all things will work out. Even though lives often seem to be in turmoil, God is ever present and sends the Holy Spirit to comfort and give peace.

This was written by Carl Daw, Jr for our hymnal. I found the following information on [hymnology.hymnsam.co.uk](http://hymnology.hymnsam.co.uk)

Like the murmur of the dove's song. Carl P. Daw, Jr.\* (1944- ). Written for H82 at the request of the texts committee. It was written to fit the tune BRIDEGROOM by Peter Cutts\*. Daw has noted that the opening line comes from an observation in Religion in Our Time by Louis Evely (New York, 1968): 'the image of the dove was chosen not because of the shape of the bird, but because of the moan. The dove murmurs all the time.' The hymn then uses the traditional Pentecostal imagery of wind and flame. The second stanza prays for the Holy Spirit to come to 'the members of Christ's body', the Church, and the third is concerned with the benefits of the Holy Spirit, the healing of division, love.

The words are as follows:

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine, to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

It is a beautiful song and I hope it will speak to you.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6-msYTBexE&list=RDs6-msYTBexE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6-msYTBexE&list=RDs6-msYTBexE&start_radio=1)

Peace be with you.

Holly Richardson, Director of Music



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# ART WALK

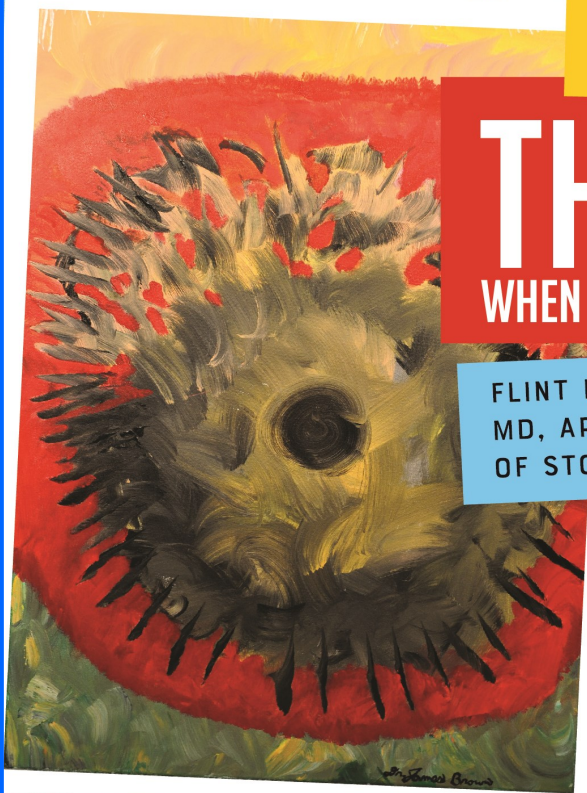


SEMAJ BROWN & JAMES BROWN, MD PERFORM

## THE LOVE STORY

WHEN ART AND POETRY MEET, MUSIC IS A JAM SESSION!

FLINT POET LAUREATE, SEMAJ BROWN, AND JAMES BROWN, MD, ARTIST AND INSTRUMENT INVENTOR WEAVE AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING, RHYTHM, AND UNLEASHED IMAGERY!



APRIL 12TH | AT 6PM

ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

711 SAGINAW ST, FLINT, MI 48502





# MIDDLE EAST PEACE VIGIL

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 7, 2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

711 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502



"Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good."

*From the Book of Common Prayer, Prayers of the People, Form IV*

We pray for peace each week in our Eucharistic services. We recite from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, Prayers of the People, Form IV, as follows:

"Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good." (From the Book of Common Prayer, Prayers of the People, Form IV)

Please join us in a vigil for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm. We will remember those who were injured or murdered on October 7, and will pray for those in Gaza and Israel who are suffering now in the conflict in the region.

All are welcome. Our doors will be open to all those who wish to pray together for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.



*You're invited!*

# OPEN HOUSE

April 8, 2024 | 11:00 A.M. - 2 P.M.

414 W. Court St. Flint, MI 48503

**WE HAVE OFFICIALLY BEEN INVITED!**

Crossover Outreach has asked us to join them as they celebrate the completion of their beautiful new building. They are hosting an Open House on April 8, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will be able to tour the new space, meet with staff and board members, and enjoy refreshments in the community room. They are excited to share their vision for the future of Crossover and what the new building will allow them to do for the community.

Crossover Outreach is located at 414 W. Court Street, Flint.





# Saturday Brunch fundraiser

For more info or to register visit [familypromisemidmichigan.org](http://familypromisemidmichigan.org)

April 27, 2024

Hosted at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
Barth Hall  
10:30 AM -12:30 PM

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU THERE!

## Sponsor Details:

### Brunch Sponsor—\$1,500

- 8 tickets to the event (1 table)
- Special designation as Event Sponsor on inaugural commemorative Brunch Placemats, Event Banner, and all Table placards
- Website/Social media advertising with links back to your site
- Prominent placement on future marketing materials
- Monthly recognition as a sponsor in our FPMM e-newsletter

### Placemat Sponsor—\$1,000

- 4 tickets to the event
- Special designation as Placemat Sponsor on commemorative Brunch Placemats, Event Banners, and all Table placards
- Website/Social media advertising with links back to your site
- Placement on future marketing materials
- Bi-annual recognition as a sponsor in our FPMM printed newsletter

### Coffee Sponsor—\$750

- 2 tickets to the event
- Company Logo / Name on Commemorative Bruch Placemat
- Announcement on the Family Promise website and social feeds
- Bi-annual recognition as a sponsor in our FPMM printed newsletter

### Donut Sponsor—\$500

- 2 tickets to the event
- Company Name / Recognition on Commemorative Brunch Placemat
- Announcements on FPMM website and social feeds

Single Ticket—\$75

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Table Members Names:

Turn in to FPMM by April 22, 2024

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8		

Family Promise of Mid Michigan is a program serving families facing a housing crisis. Our promise is more than just shelter.

Care includes prevention, diversion, shelter, stabilization, and community services to help families transition from a temporary housing crisis into a sustainable living situation.

Family Promise of Mid Michigan | PO Box 4519, Flint, MI 48504 | 810.234.9444



# Grand Blanc Lanes

Proceeds benefit



## Friday, May 3, 2024

(6:00 pm Check In)

### 6:30 pm Start

2nd Annual  
Family Promise  
of Mid Michigan

# Bowl-O-Rama

50/50

Silent  
Auction

2 Games  
& Shoes

plus  
1 Pizza &  
1 Pitcher Pop  
Per Lane

(based on 4 bowlers per lane)

### Sponsor Details:

**Event Sponsor—\$500** Includes Recognition on Website/Social Media. Recognition on Event poster and all print material at the event.

\*\*2 Five-person teams for event 2.5x4' sponsor banner

**Team Sponsor—\$350** Includes Recognition on the Website and Social Media. Recognition on the Event poster and all print material at the event.

\*\*One five-person Team for event 2.5 x4 sponsor banner

**Lane Sponsor—\$100** Includes Recognition on the Website and Social Media, print materials at the event, and 11x17 Lane Signage on the day of the event.



Scan to  
Register

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members Names:

Turn In to FPMM by April 26, 2024

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### Contact information

Family Promise of Mid Michigan | PO Box 4519, Flint, MI 48504 | 810.234.9444

# \$30

per  
person!

Friday, May 3, 2024

6:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Bowling Begins

Grand Blanc Lanes

5301 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48507

**Lane Sponsorship  
\$350!**

**Includes:**  
2.5'x4' Sponsor Banner  
1 lane for 1 team  
(up to five bowlers)

# St. Paul's Movie Night

Come out and enjoy a movie  
with us!

Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
Meet at 5:30 pm, Movie at  
6:00 pm.



"A phenomenal  
educational tool in the  
struggle against racism."  
EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA  
Author, *Racism Without Racists*



**White Like Me**  
Race, Racism & White Privilege in America  
Featuring **Tim Wise**

# MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE NIGHTS are on the third Wednesdays each month.

MEET AT 5:30 PM | MOVIE AT 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024



**White Like Me**, based on the work of acclaimed anti-racist educator and author Tim Wise, explores race and racism in the U.S. through the lens of whiteness and white privilege.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 12th, is the  
Blood Drive at St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church.

As they say at the Red  
Cross, "Give blood and  
give the gift of life".



## Blood Drive St. Paul's Episcopal Church

711 Saginaw Street, Flint

Friday, April 12, 2024  
10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(sponsor code flintstpaul) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.





Upcoming Scripture Lessons  
for Worship



The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

**April 7**

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

**April 14**

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

**April 28**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

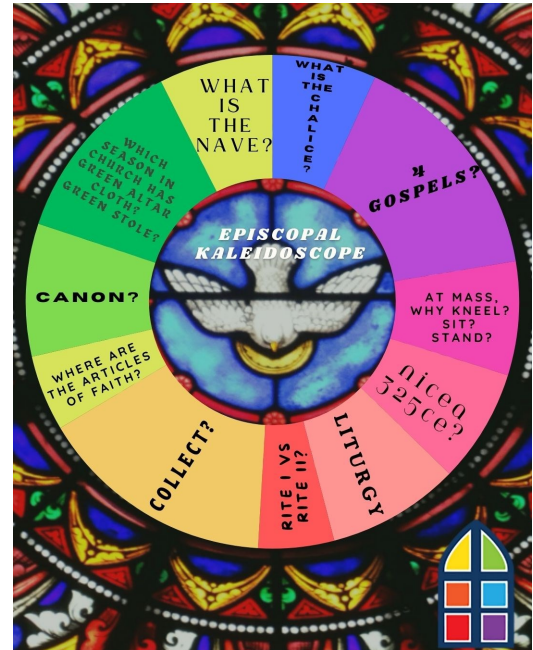
Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

# EPISCOPAL KALEIDOSCOPE



Want to know more about the history and practices of the Episcopal Church?

Participate in Episcopal 101 - The College for Congregational Development at St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

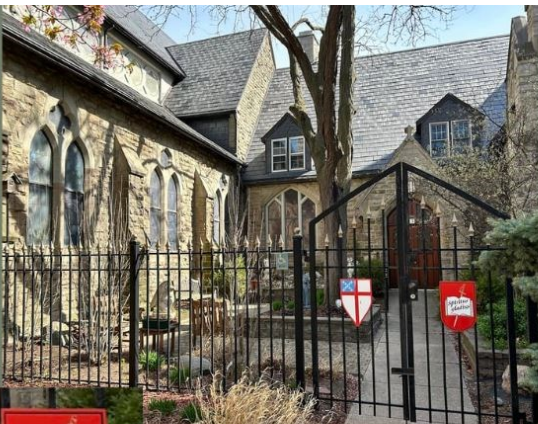
The College for Congregational Development is a comprehensive training program within the Episcopal Church that seeks to nurture and develop practitioners from within existing parish lay and clergy. Sessions called 'Episcopal Kaleidoscope: History and Practices' started at St. Paul's on March 6th, and will continue on the first Wednesday of every month. The next session is on Wednesday, April 3rd. Plan to participate in this Episcopal 101 training. Materials will be provided - just bring a pen and your desire to learn about all things Episcopal. (Check out the picture of Father Tom in March, telling the history of the Episcopal Church in America.)

# April's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of People)
April 7, 2024	B	Edythe Peake	Ed Walthers	Tim Grant
April 14, 2024		Ed Walthers	Mike Farver	Elizabeth Jordan
April 21, 2024		Mike Farver	Barb Mannor	David Taylor
April 28, 2024	G	Barb Mannor	TaMara Oertel	Edythe Peake

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
April 7, 2024	B	Maddie Cherry	Bill Johnson	Ed Walthers	Tim Grant
April 14, 2024		Erynn Ford	Jelesia Geraghty	Mike Farver	Ed Walthers
April 21, 2024		Tim Grant	Ed Walthers	Mike Farver	
April 28, 2024	G	Jelesia Geraghty	Maddie Cherry	Ed Walthers	Tamara Oertel

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.

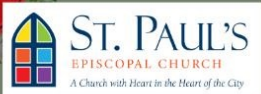


With Glad Spirits, let's lovingly spruce up our grounds!



**Saturday, May 4, 2023**

**9:00 am - Noon**



GLAD SPIRITS

GARDEN & GROUNDS DAY

GET YOUR GLOVES ON, AND GLADDEN YOUR SPIRITS!

Help spruce up the garden this year. The first garden clean up will be on May 4, 2024 from 9 to noon. The work will be much easier this year, given all of the accomplishments of the last two years!

Check out the work that our neighbors are doing along Saginaw Street as part of the city wide cleanup day on the 4th. If you cannot come to clean up, come for lunch at noon.



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**For our Homebound Parishoners:**  
Joy Fusi, Judy Stoerman, Doris Carroll,  
Marion Leman, Richard Wooten, Greg  
Vanucci, Russ Matar



Worship at St. Paul's  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

## 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."



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