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A Note from Tom

The recent conviction of President Trump for hush money payments has elicited in me the usual reaction; dread.

I dread the conflict that politics inevitably causes. I dread the election itself – the way it polarizes the entire country. I dread the rhetoric of campaigns – the constant bickering back and forth. And I dread the barrage of commercials (TV, radio, internet, everywhere!) which simply remind me of the colossal waste of money that I find political advertising to be.

As we proceed toward November I would ask all of us church-goers to make a concerted effort to be a calming influence during what is typically a raucous time of year. Remember the words of Christ; “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” Politics are important, but let them have their place. I am an individual who feels that politics are, “a dish best left uncooked.”

Of course, we pray for our nation and we certainly want what’s best for America. But we can also pray for a less controversial election and a more peaceful decision. May we be the voices of the great peace-maker himself. May we sooth the waters and calm the storms.

With every blessing...

Tom+



HOLLY'S NOTES

Christ as the Good Shepherd is found in many places. This picture is of a bronze good shepherd I found in Sicily, Italy. It is interesting to me that Christ took on the imagery of the shepherd, someone who cares, defends and feeds a defenseless animal.

The hymn " King of Love" was written by H.W. Baker who became the Vicar to Monkland, Herefordshire in 1851.

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

There is really nothing I can add to these beautiful words and picture. The imagery the words create is soothing. May we all find peace, knowing that Christ is our Good Shepherd.

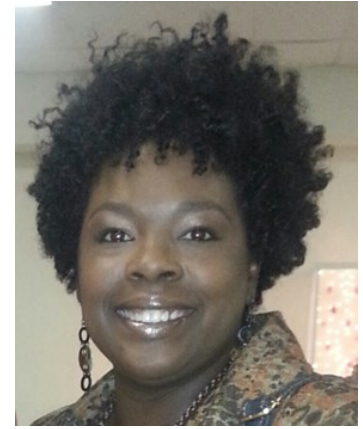
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ART WALK

Regina Dunn is a self-taught visual and mixed media artist based in Flint Michigan. Regina is multifaceted as her work depicts the complexity and vast ways in which she creates.

Regina has a lifelong passion to create. This dates as far back as her junior high school years, where she took an interest in drafting, graphic arts, sewing and photography.



Regina has displayed and sold artwork locally at various art fairs and exhibitions and commissioned bespoke pieces for individual collectors as well as for family members and friends.

Her artwork is intuitive and inspired by day-to-day surroundings i.e., the world and how we see it. Beautiful architectural structures, textures, terrain, fields of flowers, bright sunny skies, wintery sceneries, storm clouds, rainy days, and bodies of water.

Regina endeavors to construct uniquely and wonderfully made, one-of-a-kind paintings that speak to your soul, that one can enjoy for a lifetime.

Acrylics are Regina's primary choice of medium, a plethora of mixed media, stretched canvases, cradled wood panels and watercolor papers are the favorite tools and substrates in her artistic artillery.

Regina hopes that in the end, her artwork makes future collectors smile and gasp for another breath at the beauty and uniqueness of her creation.

Julietta Chevalier

The "Art of Yoga" refers to the beautiful lines, shapes, spaces and rhythms we create when we practice Yoga. It is a joyful and peaceful way to stay fit. Practicing Yoga with a partner, or Acro Yoga, is twice as healthy and fun. Certified Yoga Instructor Julietta Chevalier is offering a free Acro Yoga performance and jam on the lawn of our church during the June Artwork, Friday, June 14, 6-9pm. She is bringing extra yoga mats, and invites everyone interested to join her and Acro Yoga partner, Bert Cowsky, in learning this beautiful fluid art form. Julietta opened her own Cradle Yoga Studio in Flint Twp. in 2012, where she teaches several types of Yoga. She loves to build community and connect others together by sharing her love of Yoga to all, regardless of age, size, color, shape or physical ability. At 70 years young, and once diagnosed with fibromyalgia and arthritis, Julietta believes that practicing Yoga has saved her life. Today she is pain-free, happier and healthy than she has ever felt. She hopes you will join her during this month's Artwalk.



ART WALK MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



Gilda Tucker
Violinist

Violinist Gilda Tucker is a Flint native. She learned violin in school, playing in the school orchestra all through school and college (Univ. of Mich – Flint). During high school, she played with the Flint Youth Symphony, and the Flint Community Orchestra. She took private lessons for three years from Xiang Gao, a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

Gilda has performed as soloist or ensemble member in various public and private venues in southeastern Michigan. She was co-founder of Musica Amabile, with classical guitarist Paul Allen. The duo performed regularly throughout the eastern Michigan area in the 1990's. Over the years she has performed with several community orchestras including Flint, Saginaw, Livingston County, and Mason. Gilda continues to give soloist performances around the Mid-Michigan area.

Beginning on Sunday mornings in June we will have a 4 week Children's Formation class. We will meet in the library at 10 am and return to church service at the offering.



Hope to see you on June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Mannor 810-513-8098 or mannortb@aol.com.

On June 2 St Paul's will have a potluck to wish David and Betty Anne Taylor good luck on their move this summer to Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have been very active members and we will miss them. Pulled pork and sloppy joes will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. For more information contact Rebecca Bennett becktora@hotmail.com

Capital Campaign

June is fast approaching and so is the summer heat. During the winter we had to deal with a lack of heat and now we have plenty. Under the direction of the vestry and Fr Tom, we are beginning the process of a Capital Campaign that will address that issue and other repairs that we discover from a Building Assessment. We plan on selecting an architectural firm in June. The committee has signed a contract with Linda Moxam who will guide us in the steps to have a successful campaign.

Continue praying for this important work that will enable St Paul's to welcome the community to our building and God's love.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Mannor



Linda Moxam

Linda Moxam is no stranger to St. Paul's. Although having raised her children across the street at First Pres., she has attended many services and events in this incredible church which has always been so welcoming to the community. She brings to the table many years of fund development with local organizations such as Mott Community College, the Flint Cultural Center Corporation's Director of Development and retiring from the University of Michigan Flint as the Executive Director of Development.

After leaving the university, Linda is doing what she loves best - working with smaller non-profits to guide them to success in their fundraising efforts. Clients include Crossover Outreach Ministries, the YWCA of Greater Flint and Friends of Berston. She continues to volunteer in the community with an emphasis on women and children.

Linda is thrilled to work with the dedicated group of individuals at St. Paul's to help them raise the much-needed funds to keep the infrastructure secure so that all the current and future initiatives with the community can continue. Keeping the doors open to this safe and nurturing environment is crucial for continued outreach.

June 9, 2024

Congratulations



Graduation Sunday

Esther Kolade

Maddie Cherry

ANNUAL Community Pride Service

Saturday, June 29, 2024
11:30 am

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Guest Preacher: Freya Gilbert

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, MI



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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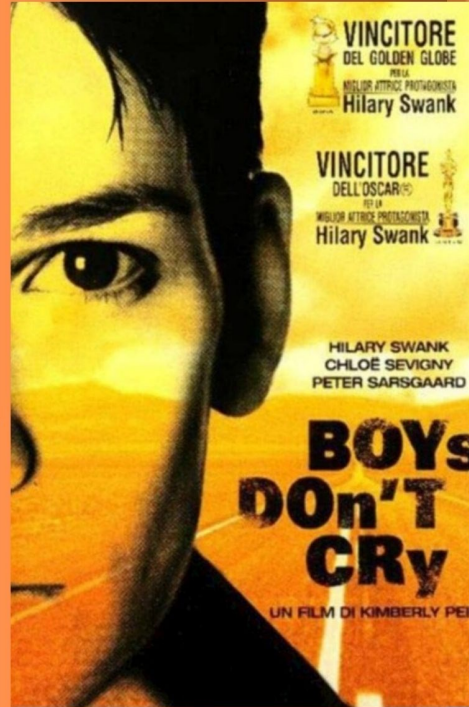
MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday,
June 19, 2024

Meet at 5:30 pm

Movie starts at 6:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Continuing our
observance of
Pride Month in
June



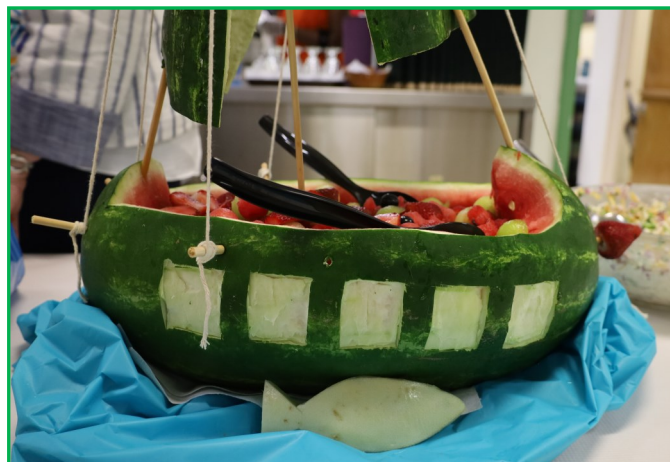
A young man named Brandon Teena navigates love, life, and being transgender in rural Nebraska



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Thank You
Julie Arter!





Upcoming Scripture Lessons

for Worship

The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

June 2

Second Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 4

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9

Third Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 5

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 16

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 6

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 8

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians
Mark 5:21-43

Calendar of Events

June 2024

TUE	4 th	11:00 am - Buildings & Grounds 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal
WED	5 th	5:30 pm — Episcopal Kaleidoscope
THUR	6 th	10:00 am - Common Threads 6:30 pm - Outreach
SUN	9 th	11:30 am - Diversity Ministry
MON	10 th	6:00 pm - Flint Residents Stronger Neighborhoods
TUE	11 th	5:30 pm - Capital Campaign 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal
WED	12 th	2:00 pm - Stewardship Committee 5:30 pm - Technology Committee
THUR	13 th	11:00 am - Order of St. Luke
FRI	14 th	6:00 pm - St. Paul's Art Walk
SUN	16 th	11:20 am - Liturgy & Worship
MON	17 th	11:00 am - Pastoral Care Monthly Meeting - ZOOM
TUE	18 th	11:30 am - Finance Committee
WED	19 th	6:00 pm - Movie Night
THUR	20 th	10:00 am - Common Threads
TUE	25 th	6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal
WED	26 th	6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting
THUR	27 th	5:30 pm - Liturgy Committee
SAT	29 th	11:30 am - Annual Community Pride Service



June's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of People)
2-Jun-2024		Pat Emenyonu	Tom Shriver	Lanie Nix
9-Jun-2024	G	Tom Shriver	Susumu Inoue	Kim Ramirez
16-Jun-2024	B	Susumu Inoue	Velevia Ford	Joel Arnold
23-June-2024 *		Velevia Ford	Shane Geraghty	Pat Emenyonu
30-Jun-2024	G	Shane Geraghty	Rayna Hauter	Tom Shriver

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
2-Jun-2024		Jelevia Geraghty	Rayna Hauter	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers
9-Jun-2024	G	TaMara Oertel	Maddie Cherry	Mike Farver	Tamara Oertel
16-Jun-2024	B	Erynn Ford	Shane Geraghty	Ed Walthers	Tim Grant
23-June-2024 *		Ed Walthers	Bill Johnson	Mike Farver	Tim Grant
30-Jun-2024	G	Tim Grant	Erynn Ford	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers

Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/5	LOWERY, Kathy & Steven
6/11	LEROUE, Clayton & Joyce
6/12	RYDER, Sandra
6/16	LEMAN, Marion
6/19	REYNOLDS, Joan
6/20	KATZENBERGER, John & Ferrell
6/23	JOHNSON, Scott & Sandra

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6/1	CHERRY, Madeline
6/2	MILNER, Zan
6/5	GERAGHTY, Jelevia
6/6	FUSI, Edith Joy
6/7	GAGNON, Robert
6/9	SNELL, John
6/15	CUSSANS, Melissa
6/18	LOWERY, Kathy
6/21	REINFELDER, Jack

Your Vestry:

(all at stpaulschurchflint.com)

TaMara Oertel, Senior Warden
(Education) (Finance)
(seniorwarden@)

Jan Bugbee, Treasurer (Finance)
(treasurer@)

Tina Morrison, Clerk of the Vestry
(clerk@) (Worship)

Heather Gagnon (Pastoral Care)
(heather@)

Joel Arnold (juniorwarden@)
(Intersection 150 & PSP)
(joel@)

Celeste Lord Timlin (Outreach)
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Zan Milner (Stewardship)
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For our Homebound Parishoners:

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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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