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# Happy Labor Day

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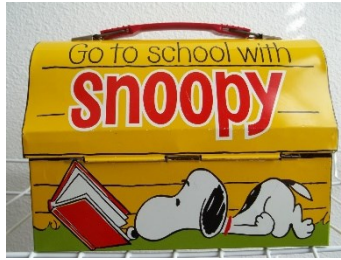
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## A Note from Tom

Believe it or not, I remember distinctly my first day of school as a first grader. It was 1969 and I was off to Beacon Elementary School in Harper Woods. I had a Snoopy lunch box that looked like this:



Now to be honest, the lunchbox might be *part* of the reason I remember the day. But the main reason I remember it is because of the intense feeling of **nervous excitement** I felt. With all my years of school, college, and a 30+ year teaching career, I had *many* first days. And the feeling of nervous excitement was always there. I never seemed to grow out of it.

And maybe that's because there is a *newness* to the coming of the school year. A fresh start, a clean slate, a new opportunity to experience the joys and heartbreaks of life – all these things await us. Not just for the school children waiting at the bus stop, but for *all* of us. We *all* get to feel excited about the new school year.

Because the new school year is a metaphor for our lives with God. Although we may have been through some tough times or had a bad year, we *also* get a fresh start. We get to put the mistakes behind us and we get to forget the unpleasant memories. That's how it works – we are redeemed by God's forgiveness and love.

So get excited. It's a new school year! Let's make it a great one.

With every blessing...

Tom+

## HOLLY'S NOTES

Joyfulness! Happiness! Charles Schulz was famous when his comic was "Happiness is a warm puppy" and a cute picture of Charlie Brown hugging Snoopy. Many of you have kindly asked how my dad is doing without my mom and his move and everything else he has experienced in the last 18 months, he is doing well. He made up his mind he would be happy or at least content, and he is. He likes his apartment, and he has made new friends, BR & I stop over with ice cream often, and just pop in on him generally. His friends from his church and life with my mom have stopped in to see him. Some of you have stopped in to see him, Thank-you!! Is he lonely? Probably. Does he miss my mom, yes.

Isaiah 46:4 "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and carry you, I will sustain you and I will rescue you." God thoughtfully crafted you – every single thing that makes you who you are was carefully chosen and knitted together by Him.

There is a song, perhaps you know it, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
there is healing in his blood.

3 But we make God's love too narrow  
by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.

4 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

5 If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word,  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

<https://youtu.be/ygkkX9FxHg0>

This hymn was written in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Fredrick William Faber, who started his career as an Anglican priest and eventually joined the Roman Church.

We all get lonely, or feel alone, but we are not alone, God is with us, He will sustain us, love us and be kind to us.

Let us continue our journey to be more Christ-like with kindness for each other and remembering that God loves us, always.

Holly Richardson, Director of Music



# Art Walk

St. Paul's Artwalk is on Friday, September 13th at 6pm. The Artwalk is open to everyone with many participating organizations and each month an artist presents beautiful art. Come and experience for yourself why St. Paul's Artwalk is so inspirational. This month's artist is Janice Harden and the musical artist is Laurence MacDonald

JANICE T. HARDEN, was born in Detroit, and moved to Flint when she was 14. She is a graduate of Flint Northwestern High School and Ferris State University. She has always been involved in supporting and promoting the arts in Flint, most notably the Flint Institute of Arts having served many years on their Community Gala Committee and on the FIA Board.

Recently Janice has taken her love for art onto her own canvases creating peaceful, serene watercolors that recall bygone eras.

She is an active artist who has worked in many mediums, but is currently fascinated with watercolor. Her paintings have recently become part of the décor inside the Oak Park Senior Apartment building.

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## Music Performance



### LAURENCE E. MACDONALD

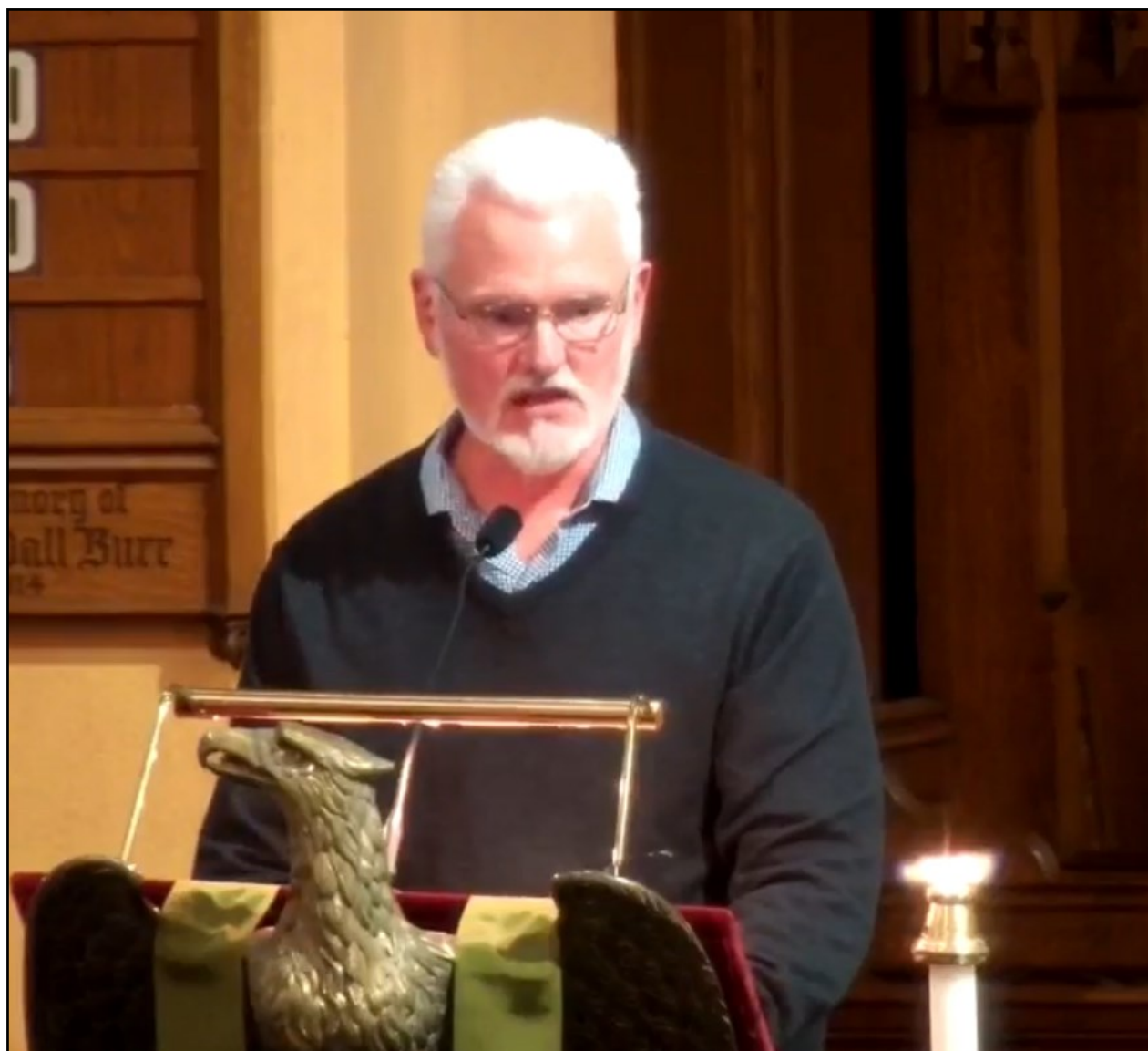
Mr. Macdonald grew up in Ohio, attended Ohio State University, and graduated with Bachelor's and Masters degrees in music. After moving to Michigan in 1966, MacDonald taught music courses at Mott Community College. Since his retirement, he has pursued various interests, including writing books on film and film music. His latest book is "Best Picture: A Critical Look at the Academy Award-Winning Films 1927-2022." MacDonald is a piano performer in a variety of styles, including classical, light jazz, ragtime, and his specialty, music from Broadway and Hollywood. MacDonald has been a performing member of the St. Cecilia Society since 1992 and still plays at various churches in the Flint area. Among his recent performances are a ragtime program in Frankenmuth and a classical program in Jackson. MacDonald lives in a large colonial home on Flint's east side together with his cherished wife, Carolyn, and their beloved beagle, Emmy.



# Lector & Acolyte Training

Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served.





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# MIDDLE EAST PEACE VIGIL

**711 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI | September 29, 2024 | 6 PM**  
**With Care Packages and Card Writing at 5 PM**

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin

**With: Dr. Thalia Pachiyannakis**  
**who worked at Nasser Medical**  
**Complex in Gaza**

**Streamed live at:**  
**facebook.com/**  
**SaintPaulsChurchFlint**



**HOSTAGES AND MISSING  
FAMILIES FORUM**

Streamed live on Facebook

**PCRF**  
Palestine Children's Relief Fund

10TH Annual  
 Family Promise  
**BENEFIT**  
*Concert*  
 FEATURING  
 CHRISTIAN ROCK BAND  
**1 FIFTY**  
**SUNDAY, 09.08.2024 / 3PM**  
 RIVERVIEW PARK BAND SHELL  
 DOWNTOWN FLUSHING  
 230 S. CHERRY ST., FLUSHING MI  
 ENDING HOMELESSNESS... ONE FAMILY AT A TIME  
 HOSTED BY:  
**Flushing**  
 United Methodist Church



JOIN US AT  
**CAMP DO GOOD.** WELCOME

*Give Blood.*




**Blood Drive**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
 711 Saginaw Street, Flint

**September 20, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# MOVIE NIGHT

at St. Paul's

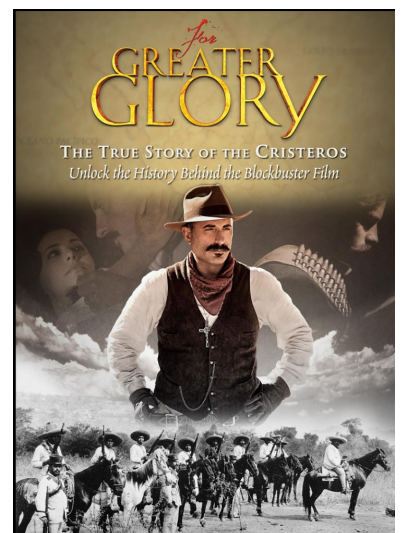


Come out and enjoy a movie with us!

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Meet at 5:30 p.m.

Movie at 6:00 p.m.





# BACK to the BRICKS



Back to the Bricks was a success and all donations made will be given to the Ausable Inclusion Center.

# CRIM WALK

Runners being blessed by Rev. Tom Manney during the CRIM where over 360 runners came in to St. Paul's.







## Upcoming Scripture Lessons

### for Worship

#### The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

#### September 1

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 17*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### September 8

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 18*

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

#### September 15

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 19*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

#### September 22

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 20*

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

#### September 29

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 21*

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

## Calendar of Events

### September 2024

TUE	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 am - Building & Grounds 5:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
WED	4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm - Episcopal Kaleidoscope
THU	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - Common Threads 1:00 pm - G.H.S. Trans support 6:30 pm - Outreach
SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am - Diversity Ministry
MON	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm - FRSN Meeting 7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal
TUE	10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
WED	11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm - Technology Committee
THUR	12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am - Order of St. Luke 5:30 pm - Stewardship Committee
FRI	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm - St. Paul's Artwalk
MON	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am - Pastoral Care Monthly Meeting - Zoom 7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal
TUE	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am - Finance Committee Mtg 5:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm - Movie Night
THUR	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - Common Threads 1:00 pm - G.H.S. Trans Support 5:30 pm - Spiritual Development
FRI	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - Blood Drive
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am - NCC Sectionals
MON	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal
TUE	24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting
THUR	26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm - Crossover Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 5:30 pm - Liturgy Committee
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm - Peace Vigil
MON	30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal

# September's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of the People)
1-Sep-2024		Mike Farver	Joel Arnold	Edythe Peake
8-Sep-2024	G	Barb Mannor	Pat Emenyonu	Ed Walthers
15-Sep-2024	B	Eloise Jordan	Tom Shriver	Mike Farver
22-Sep-2024		Lanie Nix	Susumu Inoue	Barb Mannor
29-Sep-2024	G	Velesia Ford	Kim Ramirez	Eloise Jordan

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
1-Sep-2024		Tim Grant	Bill Johnson	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers
8-Sep-2024	G	TaMara Oertel	Erynn Ford	Mike Farver	TaMara Oertel
15-Sep-2024	B	Ed Walthers	Jelesia Geraghty	Mike Farver	Tim Grant
22-Sep-2024		Jelesia Geraghty	Ed Walthers	Mike Farver	Rayna Hauter
29-Sep-2024	G	Tim Grant	Bill Johnson	Ed Walthers	Tamara Oertel

## Anniversaries

09/24	MITCHELL-BEREN Mary & Susumu Inoue
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# September 2024

## Birthdays

09/04	MANNEY, Teri
09/05	POWELL, Margaret
09/12	PENDRAGON, Davina
09/13	GAGNON, Heather
09/21	BINGHAM, Jane M.
09/21	STRUCK JR., Lawrence
09/23	MISKA, Fred

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## For our Homebound Parishoners:

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Marion Leman, Richard Wooten, Greg

Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

The link below will take you to the St.  
Paul's Parish Calendar

<https://stpaulschurchflint.com/elementor-638/>

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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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