

We rejoice in being together again! Altar Guild May 24th

The Courier Newsletter June 2021

*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been,
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*

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New Covid Guidelines

—by *Father Philip*

Cases of COVID-19 continue to fall in our community, and an increasing portion of our members have been vaccinated. In response, the Diocese of Central New York has revised our COVID-19 guidelines. Here are the main points:

Masks: Masks and physical distancing are still required for worship activities. Parishes are not permitted to require proof of vaccination from those wishing to attend public worship.

Leaders: Fully vaccinated worship leaders, including clergy, lectors, and preachers, may remove masks when speaking.

Communion: The Eucharistic Ministers will be masked when distributing

communion. That is partly so you can remove your mask to receive communion. Please take time to consume the bread right after you receive it. If you wish to receive the wine you must drink directly from the cup. At this time intinction is not permitted.

Congregational Singing and the Peace: These are the parts of the service that continue to be severely affected. Congregational singing is not permitted at this time. Please find creative ways to exchange the Peace while maintaining ample physical distance.

Fellowship: The restrictions on greetings and exchanging the peace within the church building make our Sunday Fellowship time more important than ever. We are holding Sunday Fellowship on the Fayette Street sidewalk. Members are encouraged to bring their own coffee mug and simple contributions of refreshments.

Soloists: More than one soloist is now permitted.

Small groups: If all participants are fully vaccinated, small groups, such as vestries and bible study groups, may opt to meet without masks and distance.



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Online Giving

It's easy to donate to
St. Paul's Syracuse

Here are 3 ways to give:

- Text **stpaulsy** to **73256** to give to Pledge/Donation using your text messaging.
- Go To The Church Website and Click on the Online Giving Link on the Front Page:
www.stpaulsy.org

- Use Your QR scanner On Your Phone To Scan In This QR Code:



Gifts of Joy and Gratitude

It is the feast of Pentecost! We celebrate God's Spirit moving among us as we enjoy these beautiful days of early summer. We are in a place of joy and thanksgiving. We have experienced a season of the resurrection unlike others in recent memory. Each week during April and May the number of people and activities at St. Paul's has increased. We rejoice in seeing one another. Our hearts are glad and we feel a deep sense of peace as we return to this place devoted to worshipping the Lord of love.

One of the unexpected joys of this Spring has been my conversations with members to invite them to support *Open Doors*. I have never participated in a capital campaign before, so I did not know what to expect. On the other hand, a capital campaign with a different congregation would not have prepared me for what I have experienced at St. Paul's!

Here are a few observations about what I have seen and the progress of our campaign:

- Each and every pledge of support is vitally important as we prepare ourselves and our buildings for a third century of ministry in downtown Syracuse. The small pledges, the large pledges and all of those in between all work together make it possible for us to embark on the largest building project at St. Paul's since 1958.
- Just six weeks into the campaign we are quickly approaching our goal of \$718,700 in pledges. As of May 24th, we have received more than \$621,000 in pledges. When we reach our pledge goal our lead donor, David Ridings, will be contributing an additional \$100,000 to *Open Doors*.
- From the perspective of the capital campaign, we have received several large pledges of support which have been critical to our success. These large gifts are demonstrations of grace and generosity from people with significant financial resources. They



will help us complete some of the critical, expensive parts of the project, such as an elevator to make our parish house fully accessible.

- From the perspective of our spiritual journey, the gifts of those who have the least to give might be the most important. We recall the teaching of Jesus in Mark 12:41-44 and understand these small pledges of support are crucial for us as a congregation of people led and inspired by God. These smaller gifts are profound demonstrations of faith and generosity. This kind of faithfulness in all of our activities at St. Paul's, with each person contributing whatever they can, binds us together as a people of God.
- As rector of St. Paul's, one of my jobs was to make an estimate for each person's gift, based on their previous donations to St. Paul's. Donation records are held confidentially; I have never looked at these during my tenure as your rector. Based on your previous donations to St. Paul's I made an estimate for each person's gift. This allowed us to make a reasonable estimate of the total for our capital campaign.
- In some cases, my estimates were too high or too low. If you were surprised by a large request from your solicitor, I apologize and I thank you. Please consider this as an indication of the generosity of your previous gifts to St. Paul's!
- Our campaign is creating opportunities for us to rebuild relationships with former members, and to build new relationships with people and organizations outside St. Paul's. We are thrilled about the physical improvements that will be completed through *Open Doors*. I am equally thrilled about the way our connections with individuals and partner organizations are being strengthened through the project.

I give thanks to the *Open Doors* steering committee and those who are serving as members of a task force. As a result of their efforts, we are receiving many gifts of joy and gratitude. I give thanks to you for your generous support of St. Paul's and our capital campaign. I pray that you feel more interested, more engaged, more joyful about St. Paul's and your place at St. Paul's as you participate in the capital campaign.

Fr. Philip

A Message from the Senior Warden

—by DJ Igelsrud, Senior Warden

From The Wardens

I am writing this from a place of deep thankfulness! We have been through quite a year. A year of uncertainty and loss. A year of separation from those we love and from life as we had always known it. But during all those dark months, St. Paul's kept us together. Do you think this just happened? From the beginning of the shutdown, Father Philip and a whole host of helper parishioners went to work, tirelessly planning ways to keep us connected. Online services, yoga, bible study, green initiative group, surveys, publications both snail mail and email, lots of phone calls, everyone ok?



I marvel at what we accomplished and I am so thankful!

I was away for a couple of weeks. I spent time in Quito, Ecuador on the way to and from my destination, the Galapagos Islands. In Quito, covid vaccines are not readily available and there are strict curfews for the whole city (population 3 million). In the Galapagos, it is paradise and my group pretty much had the whole Galapagos to ourselves. Tourism is just beginning to pick up. The small number of people who call Galapagos home had no income

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for at least 13 months and the government didn't pass out stimulus checks. About half of them had to return to the mainland (Quito) to look for work.

But back here, life is opening up. We can now worship in person and even have communion.

We are starting to have coffee hours; just need them to be outside. Are you thankful?

Are you thinking about St. Paul's in the future? Are you going forward in love to embrace our future? Can you imagine the Open Doors changes that are about to happen? I can!

I am so thankful for so much about St. Paul's. I am envisioning First Fridays coming to life in some form. I can see a Women of St. Paul's tea not too far down the pike. What can you see?

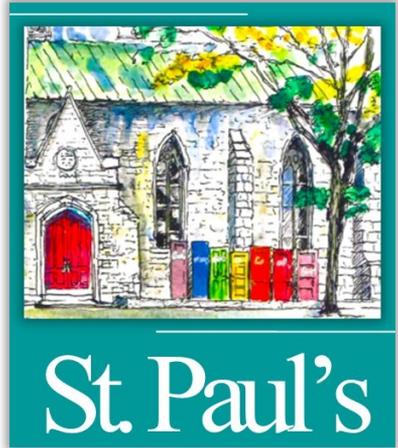
God is with us every step! BE THANKFUL!



Check Out Our New and Improved Website

—by Marion Greenhalgh, Chair of the Communications Committee

With input from the Communications Committee, Judy McAdoo-Pelton, St. Paul's Business Manager, has been diligently working on designing a brand new St. Paul's website. It will still be located at: www.stpaulsyr.org—but it has a whole new look and functionality.



There are more pictures – check to see if you are in one. Easy drop-down menus and lots more information. There are great descriptions of committees and teams, to help you decide which one(s) you would like to join, as they each could use more members. Directions, history, staff pictures, calendar, information, information, information!

You can easily join a zoom meeting from the website by knowing which room the zoom is set up in. If you don't know which room, just click on the live calendar, click on your meeting or event and it will tell you which room. Then just click the link for either the Fayette Zoom Room or the Montgomery Zoom Room. It's very user friendly. There are links to worship via Livestream, to our Facebook account, the current service leaflet, and to online giving.

The new website should be up and running by Thursday, May 27th. Just remember that this website is much bigger than the old one, so Judy is still in a building phase and some tweaking will be done for months to

come. There are around 75 pages and over 100 custom logos, photos and content. This is why Jim Potts has been helping with the Courier for the past few months, and we thank you for that, Jim!

So please take a look and explore our exciting website. You might even discover something you didn't know about St. Paul's!

Lastly, I want to thank Judy for taking on this project. She has worked very hard on this, including all the comments the Communications Committee threw at her. And thanks to my committee, who also put a lot of effort into this project!

One of our outdoor coffee hours—so nice to see each other in person again!



Open Doors Update

—by Betsy Elkins

Much has happened in the last month. A team of parishioners has been hard at work inviting others in the parish to join them in pledging to the *Open Doors* Capital Campaign. These conversations have been positive, productive and frankly exciting and fun. The enthusiasm for this project is strong. If you haven't been contacted yet, you will be shortly. We hope to have reached everyone in the parish by early June.

This summer we will turn our attention to soliciting those outside the parish. We are planning an outdoor event to celebrate our fundraising success and invite community members to join us in supporting *Open Doors*. This project is not just for us and our building. *Open Doors* is about "Preparing for our Third Century of Ministry in Downtown Syracuse." The Syracuse community will benefit from *Open Doors* and we welcome community support.

325 Productions has been making a short video about *Open Doors*. It has been exciting to see what a professional videographer can do with 8 interviews, photos we provided and videos they shot around St. Paul's including drone images outside and above St. Paul's and downtown. We provided wonderful material, including great folks to interview. The video is strong and beautiful because our congregation and ministries are strong and beautiful. We look forward to sharing this lovely piece with everyone soon!



OPEN DOORS

Preparing for Our Third Century
of Ministry in Downtown Syracuse



The drone photographers for the video.

Bob Frye Memorial Plaque

—by Harriet Averill



May 24th would be Bob Frye's 93rd birthday. Bob attended 8:00 church and was an active participant at St. Paul's for decades. He was a reader, an office volunteer and a lay leader. Many of us remember Bob's bad jokes at coffee hour and his battles with Harry Lewis for the worst pun of the day! Bob loved his St. Paul's family. Last July Bob was taken to the hospital and died one week later. After a beautiful funeral service (pandemic style) Bob was laid to rest next to his beloved brother, right where he wanted to be.

As Bob lived alone and was on a very limited income the funds donated at the time were used for funeral expenses. The last need to ensure Bob will be remembered by those who loved him is a memorial plaque at the cemetery

plot. Donations are requested for those who would like to participate in providing a memorial for our dear Bob. Donations can be made to St. Paul's Church with Bob Frye in the check memo. Thank you to all who contribute. Bob would be very appreciative.





JUNE

Tuesday, June 1, 10:00 am, Open Doors Steering Committee —Zoom

Tuesday, June 1, 2:00 pm, Bible Study – Zoom

Wednesday, June 2, 11:00 pm, Finance Prep Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 2, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Zoom

Thursday, June 3, Poister Organ Competition Practice

Friday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. Poister Organ Competition-free & open to the public

Sunday, June 6, 8:00 am, Worship – In person

Sunday, June 6, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person

Sunday, June 6, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers – Zoom

Monday, June 7, 10:00 am, Open Doors Capital Campaign – Zoom

Monday, June 7, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 8, 2:00 pm, Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday, June 8, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 pm, Sustainability Initiative – Zoom

Wednesday, June 9, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Zoom

Friday, June 11, DEADLINE FOR NAN DORR ENDOWMENT PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

Sunday, June 13, 8:00 am, Worship – In person

Sunday, June 13, 10:00 am, Baptism

Sunday, June 13, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person

Sunday, June 13, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers – Zoom

Monday, June 14, 10:00 am, Open Doors Capital Campaign – Zoom

Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 pm, Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 pm Feminist Theology – Zoom

Wednesday, June 16, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Zoom

Saturday, June 19, 10:00 am to Noon, Open Pantry Curbside Drop Off
Fayette St. Door

Sunday, June 20 FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 20, 8:00 am, Worship – In person

Sunday, June 20, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person

Sunday, June 20, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person

Sunday, June 20, 12:30 pm, Serving at the Samaritan Center

Monday, June 21, 10:00 am, Open Doors Capital Campaign – Zoom

Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 pm, Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday, June 22, 5:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 pm, Sustainability Initiative – Zoom

Tuesday, June 22, DEADLINE FOR THE JULY COURIER

Wednesday, June 23, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Zoom

Sunday, June 27, 8:00 am, Worship – In person

Sunday, June 27, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person

Sunday, June 27, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers – Zoom

Monday, June 28, 10:00 am, Open Doors Capital Campaign Mtg

Tuesday, June 29, 2:00 pm, Bible Study – Zoom

Wednesday, June 30, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Zoom



Easter Day at St. Paul's

Flowers for the YMCA Seniors

—by *Debbie Bogan, Mission & Service Team member and Convener of YMCA Outreach*



St. Paul's delivers Easter flower pots and greeting cards to the YMCA senior residents

Many thanks to Charlie and Maisie Johnson and Doug Mouncey for delivering Easter flower pots and greeting cards to the Downtown YMCA senior residents.



Quilt Raffle to Benefit the YMCA Residence Program

—by Debbie Bogan, Mission & Service Team member and Convener of YMCA Outreach

The Downtown YMCA Residence Department is doing a quilt raffle to benefit the program. They will raffle off 3 unique handmade quilts made by the women of the Towpath quilt guild. Tickets are \$10 @ or 3 for \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the Y or online at ymcacny.org/quilt-raffle. They will draw winners on June 21. We are invited to stop at the Y to pick up a flyer and look at the quilts.

Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to benefit our downtown neighbors. <https://app.mobilecause.com/f/3ca3/n?vid=itqc9>



The deadline for the next issue of The Courier is Tuesday, June 22 at midnight. Please send all articles, photos etc to Judy McAdoo-Pelton at offices@stpaulsyr.org.

Prayer List

Urgent Prayer Needs: Jennifer, Jan, Andrew, Tom, Jessica, Mary, Joan, Grace, Adele, Kelly, Michael, Martha, Rusty.



Just a reminder to contact Father Philip, the office, or Laurie Sanderson if you have concerns or names or changes for the prayer list. Laurie's email is lascsw3@aol.com, her phone number is 315-420-1518.

Pastoral Care

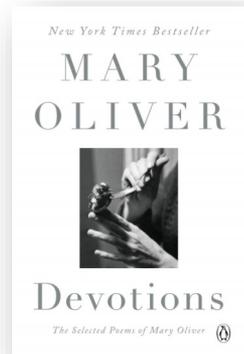
—by Laurie Sanderson

The Pastoral Care Committee has kept connected online and looks forward to meeting again in person later this summer! We are working to keep our prayer list current and have decided to limit names of people who are not members to three weeks on the urgent prayer list. If you have made a request for a name for the list and feel it should stay on, please contact Laurie Sanderson (315-420-1518 or lascsw3@aol.com) and we will make the change. If you have any concerns, please let me know. Thank you!

Feminist Theology

—by Laurie Sanderson

Feminist Theology will hold its last meeting until fall on Tuesday, June 15th at 7:30 via Zoom. We are concluding what has been a challenging but good year with a discussion of Mary Oliver's poetry. People will share favorites. We are especially delighted that Gabriele Mayes will be able to join us from Atlanta! You are invited also. Please contact Laurie Sanderson at lascsw3@aol.com for more information.



The Nan Dorr Endowment Fund 2021

—by Wendy Hoblyn Jones, Chair of the Nan Dorr Endowment Committee

With a grateful thank you to the Dorr Family, the 2021 Nan Dorr Endowment Fund amount is \$5,441.29. The distribution of those funds, that was originally set up in 2011, is handled by The Women of St. Paul's.

I am therefore asking members of St Paul's to submit any project(s) they wish to propose and send them to me **in writing, with detailed specifics of costs etc.** The projects should be something that Nan Dorr herself would like and approve of. Please submit proposals to:

My e-mail: jpjones@syр.edu. My cell phone is 315 440-9521

Or to my home address:

Wendy Hoblyn Jones
The Nan Dorr Fund
32 Cottage Drive
Jamesville, NY 13078



The Nan Dorr Memorial Garden

The deadline will be Friday, June 11

Once these have been received, a special committee from the Women of St. Paul's will go through them carefully. Full details of our chosen project(s) will then be submitted, first to the Women of St. Paul's membership, and then to the Finance Committee. If passed by the Finance Committee, they will then go to the Vestry for their final approval.

This endowment is ongoing and next year we will have more money to spend. We are again very grateful to the Dorr family for their generous gift to the Women of St. Paul's.



June Birthdays

Kathleen Glavin 6/1, Deb Long 6/2, Beverly Bolton 6/7, Tom Cantwell 6/11, Art Friedel 6/11, Cathy Wolff 6/11, Sue Doupe 6/12, Barbara Shaffer 6/12, John Rohde 6/17, Edward Cooper 6/18, Susan McCloskey 6/21, Jean Stanton 6/26, June Bisson 6/30.

June Anniversaries

Philip & Kathy Major 6/1, Dick & Neva Pilgrim 6/5, Laurie & Sandy Sanderson 6/5, Walley & Lauri Francis 6/7, George & Marcia Anderson 6/13, Betsy & Bill Elkins 6/15, Sue Wright & Ken Frieden 6/27

Welcome to Debbie Nettle

We are delighted to have Debbie Nettle with us as our *Open Doors* administrator. Debbie is familiar to some of us from her days at St. Paul's, and from her work serving as receptionist for the Diocese of Central York. At some point, you may receive a phone call or an email from Debbie since she is handling many of the important details. Debbie's email address is opendoorsadmin@stpaulsyr.org.



I worked with Debbie for four years as a member of the Foundation Board of the Diocese, where I admired her faithfulness, kindness and steadiness through the ups and downs of committee work. If you are at St. Paul's on a Tuesday you will likely see Debbie working along with the rest of the office crew, taking care of all of the important details!

Phil +



A Chuckle For You from Ruth Brown

A group of 40-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waiters there were so good looking.

10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was also good.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and they even had an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.





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