

# THE TOWER



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## Pentecost

### Pastor's Corner – Report of the Church Council Meeting The Holy Spirit is working in and through St. Paul's!

The Holy Spirit was present and active at our Church Council meeting in May – we gathered around the table in the Social Room to deal with some important business items at St. Paul's – but it wasn't just the business we accomplished that made it so great. First on our agenda was to discuss the interim period – my initial call as your Interim Minister was due to expire on June 1 – it was a renewable call – and we spent some time talking about how the interim period was moving along. The bottom line: we all agreed we wanted to allow the Holy Spirit to breathe on those embers of life in this church – to nurture those embers to become flames, that we are willing to do our part, in partnership with the God who loves us all, in moving forward into our future, to be a “go for it” congregation. The Council voted to renew the Interim Minister contract to June 30, 2018, allowing me to continue to walk together with the good people of St. Paul's Congregational Church into the future. I am honored to be with you!

Big news: the Nutley Family Services Food Pantry will be housed here at St. Paul's for 5-6 months during their time of renovation. Non perishable food will be stored in our RE building, bags will be prepared for NFSB clients, and distributed from Falconer Hall for 3 days a week, every other week, in the afternoons after the Community School has closed for the day. It's a wonderful opportunity for outreach in the community – our light will shine brightly as we provide a space to feed our hungry neighbors. Watch for ways you can help serve our community during this time when the Pantry is housed here, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

We discussed offering a Vacation Bible School – “Christmas in August” that I volunteered to lead this summer in partnership with the Rutherford Congregational Church. Dates are tentatively set for this school: Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18. We'll sing Christmas Carols, learn the Christmas Story, play games, make crafts, and even decorate Christmas cookies! Flyers will be sent to CSN children, our neighboring churches in Nutley, and we'll make a special effort to include NFSB children in our program. Lots of opportunities to volunteer to help: providing snacks, attending one or more days of the program – watch for specific needs in the weekly e-news!

The Council also talked about some new worship experiences during the summer – maybe midweek instead of hot Sunday mornings? Perhaps around the Table in Falconer Hall? Outside? What do you think? Stay tuned for more details.

And, the Council committed to doing some critical maintenance on our building – authorizing expenses up to \$20,000 – to replace rotting wood in the tower, to seal up holes in the tower to keep our resident squirrels away, (check out pictures of the damage below), to find the problems causing the water damage we experience every time it rains hard – to find the problems and fix them, and to fix our broken gutters. Thanks to Len Macheska, John Campanile, and James Sorrell for their work on these projects! A wonderful hard dollar investment in the future of our church!



What an awesome meeting this was – a real Pentecost event! Thank you to members of the council and others who came to participate, taking the risk and going for it – responding to a call to bring new opportunity for our community, new life in our church. Blessings on us all!

See you in worship!  
*Cindy*

## Our Community / Outreach

Saint Paul's will once again be participating in Nutley's Community Garden. We are committed to the "Grow a Row" to benefit the food pantry and a local care kitchen. The Nutley Health Department, in collaboration with the Green Nutley Committee, provides project coordination, promotion and communication.

If you are interested in learning more about the garden, or donating time to plant or water the garden, please contact [angela@tempotherapy.com](mailto:angela@tempotherapy.com). Any amount of time you can spare is appreciated as we give back to our community through this effort!

Please continue to make your generous donations of non-perishable food, especially cereal, macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, dry cereal, tuna and peanut butter and jelly. Your donations left in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary are delivered to NFSB to feed our hungry neighbors. Thank you!



## Thank You!

Dear Friends at St. Paul's, *"Thank you so much for your recent donations to our pantry. We appreciate it very much. Your generosity helps us feed people in need in our community."*  
Nutley Family Services



Thank you to all who contributed to the Communion Offerings to date this year: the March offering allowed us to forward \$157.05 to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), our annual denominational offering which benefits people around the world and in communities impacted by disasters in the United States. Our April offering of \$250 was forwarded to Integrity House in celebration of the Souls of Integrity Choir who participated in worship leadership here at St. Paul's.



### June Communion Offering

The Communion Offering for June will go The Community Food Bank in Hillside for the account of Nutley Family Services. Food pantries are able to purchase food for their families at a greatly reduced rate – our dollars will go far to help feed our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity!

## Worship & Music

**Choir Recognition Sunday:** please join us in worship on June 18 as we celebrate Choir Recognition Sunday, followed by a special fellowship hour, honoring our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, led by our esteemed Director of Music, James Sorrell: Gwen Canfield, Claire Tsiporukha, Bob Zyla, Angela Guerriero, Ray Metzger, Carole Wechter, Alvaro Flores, Shelley Caplan, and Marietta Capaccio. We are so grateful for your worship leadership every Sunday and your dedication to St. Paul's Church – thank you for all the hours you spend in preparation and in worship!

**Summer Worship Opportunities:** Rev. Reynolds will be away on July 2, 9, and 16 but there will be worship at 10am each of these Sundays in our sanctuary. The Mind of Christ Congregation will be gathering at this time and all St. Paul members and friends are invited by Rev. Oglesby and the congregation to join them at these services.

The Rev. Ron Verblauw of the Rutherford Congregational Church will be "on call" for emergencies while Cindy Reynolds is away. He and his congregation also invite members and friends to worship in Rutherford on these Sundays: worship begins at 10:30. Members of the Rutherford Church will worship with us at St. Paul's while Ron is on vacation in August.

Other summer worship opportunities in our sister Nutley Churches:

Vincent United Methodist Church: 10am

Grace Episcopal Church: 8am and 9:30am

Franklin Reformed Church: 10am in their air-conditioned Conference Room. On July 16 worship will be outdoors on the East Lawn.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 10am

<b>Sunday, June 18, 2017, Proper 6</b>	<b>Sunday, June 25, 2017, Proper 7</b>
<b>Choir Recognition Sunday</b>	<b>Children's Sunday</b>
<b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 18:1-15 Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35 – 10:8-23	<b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 Romans 6: 1b - 11 Matthew 10:24 - 39

Please check out our website [www.stpaulsuccnutley.org](http://www.stpaulsuccnutley.org)! Rev. Reynolds' sermons are now posted to the Pastors Page each week. Thanks to Angela Guerriero for her updates.

## UCC NEWS

### **Congratulations to Sarah Pomerantz:**

Sarah Pomerantz, former Supply Pastor here at St. Paul's Congregational Church, was unanimously approved for ordination in the United Church of Christ at an Ecclesiastical Council held at the Rutherford Congregational Church on Thursday, June 1. Watch for news of her ordination date!

### **General Synod, 2017**

Delegates from all over the United States will gather in Baltimore, Maryland, for the **30<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ** from June 30 – July 4. Hosted by the Central Atlantic Conference, this is always a spectacular event. You may visit [UCC.org](http://UCC.org) for updates as Synod progresses. We hold all those attending in our prayers during their travels, their deliberations, and their ministry.

## In Our Church Family



### **Congratulations to Alvaro Flores** – our newest American citizen at St. Paul's Congregational Church!

He was presented with an American flag which had been flown over the United States Capitol Building in celebration of his becoming a citizen.

Thanks to the office of Senator Cory Booker for their help in obtaining the flag and for the certificate also presented to Alvaro.

Best wishes to the Flores family!



## Congratulations to our High School and College Graduates

**Alexa Capalbo:** Nutley High School: will be attending Montclair State University, majoring in education

**Travis Jocelyn:** (grandson of Ardelle Daly) - Verona High School: will be attending College of New Jersey in Trenton, majoring in business.

**Ava Falco:** (great granddaughter of Irene Falco) – Montclair High School

**Eric Schneider:** (grandson of Heinz and Lee Schneider) – New Providence High School, will be attending Rutgers.

**Katie Thomas-Canfield:** (granddaughter of Gwen Canfield) – University of California at Berkley; her degree (with honors) is in International Development. She will be leaving for Uganda for 1-2 years.

**Morgan Browning:** (granddaughter of Layne and Jack Cullen) – Marist College with a degree in Business/Marketing/Fashion Design.

## News of our youth

**Alvaro Flores, Jr.** was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony, held at Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO in Hardwick, has an Indian-based theme and has been used for 102 years since the Order was started in 1915. All new members are obligated to continue to give cheerful service to the Scouts in their home troop. Congratulations!

**Gabriella Capalbo**, member of the Nutley High School Concert Choir and Choralettes, joined 350 students from as far away as Texas in the CODA Concert Festival at Carnegie Hall in April. Nutley was one of 476 school districts nationwide named by the National Association of Music Merchants as best communities for Music Education in 2016. Congratulations!

**Becky Caporasso and Valeria Flores**, members of the Nutley Youth Choir, participated in the All-District Music Festival Concert. Both Becky and Valeria performed solos in the concert. Congratulations!

## Happy Birthday!

Len Macheska  
Ray Metzger

July 10  
July 29

Arlene Morrell

July 17

*Is your birthday in June or July and not listed?  
Please email Lori at [info@stpaulsuccnutley.org](mailto:info@stpaulsuccnutley.org) to be added to our lists.*

## In Memoriam:

We remember John Hesselbirg who died in Florida on Sunday, June 4. We offer prayers of sympathy, love, and peace to his daughter, Debbie Banks, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren and his large extended family.

### THOSE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS:

Belle Adonna (Caplan)	Sue Apple	Harry Bottino
Luis Calderone (Flores)	John Campanile, Sr.	Marietta Capaccio
Scot Clydesdale	Ardelle Daly	Sam & Bonnie Dunn
Frank Fochesato (CSN)	Jenn Foran (Sissy)	Michael Gerard
Beth Hampshire (Angela)	Carolyn Harris (Cullen)	Mark Hellriegel (Wood)
Jen Hnyda (Wood)	Toni Lamberti (Sorrell)	Irene Melson (K Melson)
Mae Menchen (Ballou)	Pedro Flores Neyra (Flores)	Adrian Ridgeway (Sorrell)
Xavier Ross (Reynolds)	Kim Stevens-Redstone	Lee & Heinz Schneider
Bill Stein	Richard Thibadeau (Sorrell)	Dawn Trubucco (Dana)
Deb Williams (Sorrell)	Rev. Gordon White (Oglesby)	Laura Wood
Rev. John & Marilyn Wightman		

### ***The Covenant of St. Paul's Church***

We are striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting.

#### **ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR**

Sunday, June 18	10am	Worship/Fellowship/Choir Recognition Sunday
Thursday, June 22	6pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday, June 25	10am	Worship/Fellowship/Children's Sunday
Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4		UCC GENERAL SYNOD in Baltimore, Maryland
Sunday, July 2	10am	Worship with Mind of Christ Church
Sunday, July 9	10am	Worship with Mind of Christ Church
Sunday, July 16	10am	Worship with Mind of Christ Church
Sunday, July 23	10am	Worship/Fellowship
Sunday, July 30	10am	Worship/Fellowship

**Coming events:**

Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18      9:00am – noon  
 Vacation Bible School: Christmas in August