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September – October, 2018

Pastor's Corner – Happy Anniversary!

Our year-long birthday party here at St. Paul's Congregational Church begins in September! You will see a new banner on the front lawn, displaying an invitation to the entire community to "Come grow with us." On September 16 we will observe **Homecoming Sunday** at our worship service, followed by a special coffee hour. Our observance will be a time to look back and remember our history, to reflect on how God has blessed us these first 125 years and how we have served God in that time. And, it's a time to look ahead and continue the important work of discerning where our ministry will take us in the future, renewing our covenant as the Body of Christ here at St. Paul's in Nutley. The possibilities are endless – how will we come together in celebration and expand our ministry in the coming years?

Some new events honoring our Anniversary: on **September 29** from 9am to 3pm we will host a "Buy A Space Yard Sale" on our lawn: clean out your closets, set up your table, and share your treasures for sale! Not only is this a fundraiser for St. Paul's – cost to buy a space is \$25 - it is also a chance to enjoy being together and reaching out into our community. There will also be a bake sale – we need YOUR contributions to this table – there will be a light lunch available for purchase as well. Please join us in this special event! Flyers are available in the sanctuary and have been emailed via the enews – please get your registration in soon to help our planning.

Then on **October 19** from 6:30 – 8:30 we will have a community-wide Fall/Halloween Party in Falconer Hall – there will be a child-friendly dinner along with face painting and pumpkin painting available. A fund raiser and a fun raiser, cost will be \$10 per family. Would you like to volunteer to help with this party? See Shelley Caplan.

Other events are in the planning stage including a Thanksgiving celebration and a Christmas party as well – we need many hands to help – there is no small contribution! And if you have an idea of how to celebrate, please contact Cindy – all thoughts are welcome! We have much to celebrate here – let's make it an awesome year. God is still speaking – our ministry here in Nutley needs YOUR engagement and participation to flourish for another 125 years!

Again, it's my honor to walk together with you all into the future God has in store for us at St. Paul's Congregational Church. Happy birthday, St. Paul's!!!

Many blessings,
Cindy

Welcome to Iah Fontaine!



We welcome Iah Fontaine to St. Paul's Congregational Church as our Music Director as of September 1, 2018.

Iah is a graduate of Seton Hall University (BS in Mathematics, 2012) and Louisiana State University (MS in Mathematics, 2014; MM in Organ Performance, 2016; PhD in Mathematics, 2018). She has studied both piano and organ since 1995: she has served as Choir Director and Organist in Massachusetts, Assistant Organist in South Orange, NJ, and Substitute Organist in Baton Rouge, LA. Most recently she served as organist at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Port Allen, LA.

Thank you to the Search Committee: Bev Apple, Gwen Canfield, Angela Guerriero, and Ray Metzger. Their decision was fast and easy when they met Iah and sang together during the interview (and thanks to Bob Zyla for coming last minute to make 4 part harmony)! We look forward to Iah's ministry among us – lots of good ideas, energy, and enthusiasm are flowing as we begin planning for this especially festive anniversary year!

September Communion Offering



During the month of September our Communion Offering will be given to the United Church of Christ denominational offering, Neighbors in Need. This offering funds a wide variety of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and ministries of compassion through direct service projects around the country. It also supports the UCC Council for American

Indian Ministries: there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations (including Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska) and one urban multi-cultural congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry.

Outreach from our building

From Nutley Family Service Bureau 2017 Annual Report:

Thank you to our 2017 public supporters: your generous support ensures our programs, staff, and volunteers are available to help those in need of mental health, food pantry and other social services. We are especially grateful to our faithful, multi-year contributors. Listed under Major Non-cash donations is St. Paul's Congregational Church, temporary home of the Food Pantry during renovations at the NFSB building. Eileen Painter writes to us, "Words are not enough to express our gratitude for your kindness. Thank you for helping us make the difference! You are famous!"

The Food Pantry moved to St. Paul's in late November, 2017. Since that time hundreds of people and families have been served in Falconer Hall by NFSB volunteers as well as from St. Paul's – it has been a blessing to be part of this ministry all this time. Current plans are for the Pantry to move back to the newly renovated building on Chestnut Street in late October. We will miss them being in our building but we will continue to support their food pantry into the future.

Welcome to the Nutley Chamber of Commerce:

We are pleased to announce that the Nutley Chamber of Commerce has relocated their office to St. Paul's Congregational Church on the second floor of the education wing. Their office was previously located above the NFSB Thrift Shop on Chestnut Street. Office Manager Barbara Chiarieri approached the Church Council about moving to St. Paul's, the request was quickly approved, and she relocated in July. Barbara, daughter of Lee and the late Heinz Schneider, grew up in St. Paul's, taught Sunday School for many years, and raised her two sons here.

The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary, non-profit, private organization which has represented businesses, professional and civic organizations in Nutley since 1953. They have been using our Social Room for their monthly meetings and for preparation for various events such as Santa's visit and the 5 K Fun Run. We are happy to welcome them to St. Paul's.

Happy Birthday!

Sissy McMillan-Muck
Madison DeVivo

September 18
October 19

Debbie Banks
Dave McMillan-Muck

September 26
October 26

*Is your birthday in September or October and not listed?
Please email Lori at info@stpaulsuccnutley.org to be added to our lists. Thanks!*

Our Community Outreach



Mark your calendars now for the 2018 CROP Walk on October 21: Registration forms will be available to participate in this walk at the Nutley Oval on Sunday afternoon. Last year we had a St. Paul's Team of 6 people: let's double it this year!

It's harvest time at the Nutley

Community Garden: some of the produce from the Garden is delivered to the NFSB Food Pantry for distribution to our neighbors. Fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans and herbs are some of the items taken home by our guests – a welcome addition to the non-perishable food and meat, eggs, and a variety of other foods. If you would like to help with the St. Paul's garden, please contact Angela via email at angela@tempotherapy.com.



News from the Memorial Garden

Thank you to Dave Muck and Sissy McMillan - Muck for helping with the Memorial Garden this summer. Dave gave advice on a plant purchasing expedition. We bought red geraniums for the entrance urns and impatiens and vines for the urns by the bench. This year we tried begonias for the front border of the Garden because we heard they are hardy and don't need much care. That may be true, but some critters, possibly squirrels, took a liking to begonias and every day a few different plants were dug up and had to be replanted. Red pepper flakes seemed to help some, but we did lose a few plants.

Dave rigged up a second sprinkler and we were able to water most of the garden by just setting the timer. Then the rains came and the need to water slackened off. Several trees came down in the Garden and Dave cut them up and hauled a load of wood and brush away. It was a blessing not to have to put all that at the curb. As he was doing that, Sissy helped to weed and beat back the groundcover which is taking over in spots. It was a real jungle for awhile.

If we have any young people who need community service hours, we could use your help weeding the Garden. We could also use some help and advice from others even if you haven't been active at St. Paul's lately. Do you have someone interred in the Garden? Are you a gardener with some plants to donate? Could you consult on what we might purchase to have something in bloom more of the year? Would you like to make a donation in memory or honor of someone? See Bev Apple for all of the above. And come take a look at the Memorial Garden. The trellis at the entry to the Garden was a gift from the Ballou family many years ago – one little clipping of ivy has flourished, now covering the trellis, and is a beautiful entrance to the Garden which is a final resting place for many friends and former members of St. Paul's.

Thank You

We thank the many people who gave their time and talents to keep things going smoothly this summer. Special thanks to Dave Muck who noticed that the sump pumps weren't working and called an electrician to get things running again. Dave also ordered a new pump and installed it himself. He then worked on the dehumidifiers in Falconer Hall and in the Community School – they are now functioning properly! Thanks, Dave. We are fortunate to have you.

The Caplans prepared a coffee hour for all our services this summer, even on the Sundays we met with Mind of Christ. We are grateful for their hospitality.

Thanks to Angela Guerriero for playing for most of our worship services this summer and to Bob Zyla for singing the Psalms and leading the congregation in singing the hymns. They kept the music going!

We often take for granted the services of our church treasurer, Gwen Canfield. She keeps our bills paid and our records up-to-date even in the summer. A big job that she handles without complaining!

Thanks to Shelley Caplan for her work in the design of our new banner.

And thanks to all of you who participated in worship this summer.

As we get ready to gear up for fall and this special anniversary year, please think about areas where you can help. And then, step up and volunteer!

In Our Church Family



Congratulations to Valeria Flores on her selection as one of 115 students to be a part of the Paper Mill Playhouse Summer Musical Theater Conservatory for 2018! The program was divided into three age groups – Valeria was part of the Junior Plus group.

Students participated in intensive classes including musical theater performance, acting, dance, and improvisation during the 5 week program. The finale to this program was two solid weeks of rehearsal for an original concert entitled *New Voices of 2018: From Sea to Shining Sea!* The concert, held in late July at Montclair State University, was absolutely fabulous! Valeria, your St. Paul's friends are very proud of you! Well done!

Worship & Music

Sunday, September 2, 2018, Proper 17 Sacrament of Communion Welcome lah!	Sunday, September 9, 2018, Proper 18
Scripture: James 1:17-27 Psalm 15 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Scripture: Isaiah 35: 4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7: 24-37
Sunday, September 16, Proper 19 Homecoming Sunday	Sunday, September 23, Proper 20
Scripture: Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 116: 1-9 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38	Scripture: Jeremiah 11: 18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30 - 37
Sunday, September 30, Proper 21	Sunday, October 7, 2018, Proper 22 World Communion Sunday
Scripture: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19: 7-14 James 5: 13-20 Mark 8: 38-50	Scripture: Genesis 2: 18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16
Sunday, October 14, Proper 23	Sunday, October 21, Proper 24 CROP WALK
Scripture: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90: 12-17 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31	Scripture: Isaiah 53: 4-12 Psalm 91: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45
Sunday, October 28, Proper 25	Sunday, November 4, 2019, Proper 26 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 10: 46-52	Scripture: Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44

Please check out our website www.stpaulsuccnutely.org. Rev. Reynolds' sermons are now posted to the Pastors Page each week. Thanks to Angela Guerriero for her updates.

Help Needed!

Would you like to participate in worship leadership on Sunday morning? Be a **liturgist**.

Hosts needed for our Sunday morning fellowship hour. Signup sheets are available.

Old records need to be shredded – can you help?

Thank you for your participation!

THOSE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Marietta Capaccio	Mariana Cardoso (Lora)	Antonia Cardoso (Lora)
Scot Clydesdale	John Colglazier	Ardelle Daly
Sam & Bonnie Dunn	Irene Falco	Jenn & Kevin Foran (Sissy)
Beth Hampshire (Angela)	Maureen Harmer (James)	Toni Lamberti (Sorrell)
Maria Laubavkas (Lora)	Mae Menchen (Ballou)	Dolores Metzger
Hugo Neyra (Flores)	Xavier Ross (Reynolds)	Lee Schneider
Michael Slomkowski (Lori)	Dawn Trubucco (Dana)	Laura Wood
Paula Wood	Johnny (Clydesdale)	Lou (Reynolds)

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Please contact the office for additions or deletions.

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2	10am:	Worship / Communion / Fellowship
Tuesday, September 4	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, September 5	6pm:	Church Council meeting
Thursday, September 6	7:30pm:	First Choir Rehearsal with Iah Fontaine
Sunday, September 9	10am:	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, September 11	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, September 12	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, September 13	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, September 13	7:30pm:	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 16	10am:	Worship / Fellowship
		HOMECOMING SUNDAY
Tuesday, September 18:	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Thursday, September 20:	7:30pm:	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 23:	10am:	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, September 25:	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, September 26	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, September 27	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, September 27:	7:30pm:	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 28:		YARD SALE PREPARATION IN FALCONER HALL – HELP NEEDED!
Saturday, September 29:	9am – 3pm	“BUY A SPACE” YARD SALE
Sunday, September 30:	10am:	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, October 2	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Thursday, October 4	7:30pm:	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 7	10am:	Worship / Communion / Fellowship
		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Tuesday, October 9	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, October 10	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, October 11	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, October 11	7:30pm:	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 14	10am	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, October 16	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Friday, October 19	6:30pm:	FALL/HALLOWEEN PARTY
Sunday, October 21	10am:	Worship / Fellowship
	1:30pm:	CROP WALK
Tuesday, October 23	7pm:	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, October 24	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, October 25	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Sunday, October 28	10am	Worship/Fellowship
Tuesday, October 30	7pm	Gentle Yoga