

THE TOWER



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Pastor's Corner – Happy Anniversary!

In 2019 we celebrate 125 years of ministry here at St. Paul's Congregational Church!

Dan Caplan wrote a history of St. Paul's which you can find on our website – some background of our founding follows. “The rapid growth and development of the northwestern part of Franklin, called Nutley Terrace, in the fall of 1893 brought together a number of people who were either church members or were favorably disposed to the churches and their work. The people lived quite a distance from the churches in town and they began to meet on Sunday evenings in various homes, spending an hour in social interaction and in singing hymns, mostly Gospel songs. “ There became great interest in the establishment of a new church – and a call was issued to the Rev. James A. Fairly of Peoria, Illinois, to be pastor of the new church.

It was on April 14, 1894, that our church was established. From April, 1894, to February, 1899, services were held in two homes while plans were made to purchase a land site and erect a church building. The leading architect in the area, William Lambert, was hired to design the new church and the dedication of the building took place on February 9, 1898. The first Sunday worship in this new building took place on February 13, 1898.

At our Church Council meeting this month there was enthusiasm for celebrating this special anniversary, beginning in September. Imagine – a yearlong birthday party! 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, to look ahead and do 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?

There will be a need for lots of planning – are you interested in being part of this celebration? We need a logo, designated colors for our publicity, an invitation to the community: “Come, grow with us”, a new sign for the front of the church (thanks to Shelley Caplan this discussion is under way already), special events during the year (a church wide flea market fundraiser in September? Face-painting and pumpkin painting in October, breakfast with Santa in December, special worship

opportunities, a new focus on mission and outreach, maybe invite prior pastors to preach?) No contribution is too small! What other ideas do you have?

Plans are to have a Homecoming Sunday on September 9 or 16. Lots to look forward to! Hope you'll be a part of this celebration. Please email your ideas to info@stpaulsuccnutley.org – it won't be the same without your participation!

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

Congratulations to our graduates!



Among the graduates at Nutley High School this year are three of our members:
Luke Chiarieri, Maggie Redstone, and Ella Maciel.

Please know that wherever your life path takes you, this will always be your church home. We're proud of you and send you on your new life adventures with our prayers and blessings.

Thank You for your Communion Offerings!

Thank you for your contributions to communion offerings to date this year:

February: Mountainside Hospital Chaplaincy	\$ 61
March: One Great Hour of Sharing	\$227
April: Integrity House	\$145
May: Strengthen the Church offering	\$ 97
June: NFSB account at the Community Food Bank	\$160

Outreach from our building

Music at St. Paul's: did you know internationally acclaimed jazz musicians rehearse here?

One More Once is an 18-piece big band consisting of some of North Jersey's top musicians and they have been rehearsing at St. Paul's during the school year, about once a month. They work with local high schools and with some amazing professional guest artists, many whom have rehearsed right in Falconer Hall!

The band was founded in early 2008 by John Molloy and Joe Verderese and it is currently led by Joe and Tim Hayward. The group was put together in an effort to have a new group who share a love of jazz and want to keep the great music of our past alive, while adding flavors of some more contemporary big band sounds. The group presents music from all different eras and styles, with music ranging from the big band era of Glenn Miller and Count Basie to Stan Kenton, Thad Jones and Maynard Ferguson favorites, as well as contemporary music from composers within the band and other writers. Through the years, "One More Once" has performed at concerts, fundraisers, school functions, corporate parties and town events throughout the North Jersey area, including a monthly event at Trumpets Jazz Club which features opening acts from local schools and world renowned guest artists.

Joe Verderese is a trombonist from Nutley, NJ. Verderese holds degrees from West Chester University in Pennsylvania and Manhattan School of Music. Joe is currently the Director of Instrumental Music at Cresskill Middle/High School in Cresskill, NJ where he teaches grades 6-12 and directs the concert bands, jazz band, orchestra, Pit Orchestra, and many other small ensembles, while maintaining a busy freelance schedule and lesson studio.

Tim Hayward was born and raised in Paris. He is a graduate of the Conservatoire Supérieur de Paris-CNR (Classical Saxophone) of the Université de Paris 8 (Musicologie) and the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris (Jazz). He began playing professionally at the age of 18 in classical, contemporary, and jazz music. He has created his own groups. These groups perform Tim's personal compositions. He is an active composer and arranger both in the classical and jazz domains. Timothy Hayward moved to NJ in 2010 and serves as the band director at Christopher Columbus Middle School.

2018 Guest Artists Who Have Rehearsed at Saint Paul's

Slide Hampton is a jazz trombonist, composer, and arranger. He was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Jazz Masters Award, the highest honor in jazz. Slide Hampton arranged for Dizzy Gillespie and has won numerous Grammy awards and has played with and arranged for many of the jazz greats.

Steve Turre is a trombonist (and seashellist) and composer. He worked with Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock, Tito Puente, Van Morrison, and has been a member of the Saturday Night Live Band since 1984.

Antonio Hart is an internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist and has played with Dizzy Gillespie, Slide Hampton, Roy Hargrove, and many other jazz masters. He has been nominated for Grammy awards and he is a renowned educator and enjoys working with up-and-coming young jazz artists. He currently serves as Professor of Jazz Saxophone at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College.

Guest Artists Who Have Rehearsed at Saint Paul's (2017 and prior) include Conrad Herwig, Claudio Roditi, Pete McGuinness, Bruce Williams, and Cecil Bridgewater.

Watch for an invitation to an open rehearsal in the fall! You won't want to miss this!

Our Community Outreach



Saint Paul's again is participating in Nutley's Community Garden: if you'd like to help, or would like to know more about the garden, please contact angela@tempotherapy.com. Jobs include planting, periodic watering, weeding, and harvesting. Some of the produce from the Community Garden is delivered to the NFSB Food Pantry for distribution to our neighbors! A great opportunity to get back to Mother Earth!

Food distributions will continue at the NFSB Food Pantry here at St. Paul's. The Pantry is open every other week on Wednesday and Thursday from 2pm – 5pm. Please continue to bring non perishable food donations to the church or you may leave them in the bins located outside near the Nursery School entrance. Also important to remember: when school is out during the summer, children no longer receive school breakfast or lunch AND food donations are lower during the summer months. Please keep the pantry filled: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit are always needed. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer Worship:

Rev. Reynolds will be away on July 1, 8, 15, and 22. There will be NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON JULY 1. There will be worship at **11am** on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd 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 Verblaauw of the Rutherford Congregational Church will be "on call" for emergencies while Cindy Reynolds is away. If you have an emergency during office hours or know of someone in the hospital, please call St. Paul's and give the message to Lori. Ron's cellphone: 201-838-4254. This number will also be on the St. Paul's voicemail. All are invited to attend worship in Rutherford at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 10am

Worship & Music

Sunday, July 1, 2018 NO WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATIONAL	Sunday, July 8, 2018 Sunday, July 15, 2018 Sunday, July 22, 2018 Worship at 11:00 in sanctuary with Mind of Christ
Sunday, July 29, 2018, Proper 12 Scripture: 1 Sam. 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3: 14-32 John 6: 1-21	Sunday, August 5, 2018, Proper 13 Sacrament of Communion Scripture: 2 Sam. 11: 26 - 12:13a Psalm 51: 1-12 Ephesians 4: 1- 6 John 6: 24-35
Sunday, August 12, 2018, Proper 14 Scripture: 2 Sam. 18: 5-9, 3: 3-14 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Sunday, August 19, 2018, Proper 15 Scripture: 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5: 15 - 20 John 6: 51 - 58

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

James' going away party on May 20 – Godspeed on your new adventure!



And news from James from Florida!

To everyone in my St Paul's family, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for your many years of music appreciation and support in both the good and the hard times, as well as the gift that you gave me at my farewell dinner.

Once I finally get everything at the house and office settled I will actually have set office hours, something I did not have in NJ. And I hate to say it, however, the commute is ohhhh so much better only traveling 5.7 miles to work and not paying tolls!

The people at the new church are very welcoming and the choirs are yearning to learn new music and sing choral music again. The congregation does sing, although the English 4pm on Sat and 8am on Sunday are a little more subdued, the 10am English sing out and the 12noon Spanish mass is unbelievable.... I have a conga / electronic percussionist, a full drum set, electric bass and 3 acoustic guitars playing on a weekly basis with 14-18 in the choir. The congregation sings so loud on things they know I can hardly hear the piano I'm playing!

Enough for now, just know I do think of you, miss my small but mighty choir not to mention playing the organ. Please feel free to stay in touch, my phone number / email has not changed from what is published on the church contact list.

Thank you for being such a large part of my life for 19 years!

Update on our Director of Music search

After James Sorrell tendered his resignation as Director of Music, the Church Council had several discussions as to what we are looking for in a replacement and how to proceed. Moderator Keith Banks appointed a committee consisting of Gwen Canfield, Treasurer and Choir Member, Ray Metzger and Angela Guerriero,

Choir Members and Substitute Pianists, and Beverly Apple, Representative of the Worship and Music Commission. All agreed that we are looking for someone skilled on organ and piano with good communication and organizational skills.

A job description was written with input from Cindy and the Council members and Angela did the final formatting. She and James sent the ad to their sources, Cindy sent it to UCC, and we have distributed it in other ways. There have been several inquiries, but only one actual application thus far. We have scheduled an interview with that person. We are hoping for other resumes and aiming to have someone in place by September. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please have them contact Bev or the church office for a copy of the job description.

In Our Church Family

In Memoriam

Our prayers of sympathy continue to be with the friends and family of **Manny Maciel** who died on May 30, 2018. His funeral service took place on Monday, June 4 at St. Paul's Congregational Church. God's peace be with Nora, Sam, and Ella during this most difficult time.

Help Needed!

Would you like to participate in worship leadership on Sunday morning? Be a **liturgist**.
Hosts needed for our Sunday morning fellowship hour.
 During the summer, let's have lemonade on the lawn!
 Signup sheets are available at fellowship hour.
 Can you spend some time weeding and cleaning up the Memorial Garden?
 We have old computers/printers/monitors that need to be recycled. Can you take them?
 Old records need to be shredded – can you help?
 Thank you for your participation!

Happy Birthday!

Len Macheska	July 10	Arlene Morrell	July 17
Ray Metzger	July 29	Valeria Flores	August 11
Lori Fiordilino	August 19	Sage Caplan	August 30

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

THOSE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Marietta Capaccio	Scot Clydesdale	John Colglazier
Ardelle Daly	Sam & Bonnie Dunn	Irene Falco
Frank Fochesato (CSN)	Jenn and Kevin Foran (Sissy)	Beth Hampshire (Angela)
Toni Lamberti (Sorrell)	Maria Laubavkas (Lora)	Mae Menchen (Ballou)
Pedro Flores Neyra (Flores)	Xavier Ross (Reynolds)	Lee Schneider
Michael Slomkowski (Lori)	Dawn Trubucco (Dana)	Laura Wood
Paula Wood	Matt (Ardelle/Sissy)	Johnny (Clydesdale)

Saint Paul's Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Please contact the office for additions or deletions.

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1	NO WORSHIP AT St. Paul's Congregational Church	
Thursday, July 5	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Sunday, July 8	11am	Worship with Mind of Christ
Tuesday, July 10	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Sunday, July 15	11am	Worship with Mind of Christ
Tuesday, July 17	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, July 18	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, July 19	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Sunday, July 22	11am	Worship with Mind of Christ
Tuesday, July 24	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Sunday, July 29	10am	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, July 31	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, August 1	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, August 2	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Sunday, August 5	10am	Worship / Communion / Fellowship
Tuesday, August 7		NO GENTLE YOGA
Sunday, August 12	10am	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, August 14	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, August 15	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, August 16	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Sunday, August 19	10am	Worship/Fellowship
Tuesday, August 21	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Sunday, August 26	10am	Worship / Fellowship
Tuesday, August 28	7:15pm	Gentle Yoga
Wednesday, August 29	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution
Thursday, August 30	2pm – 5pm	NFSB Food Distribution