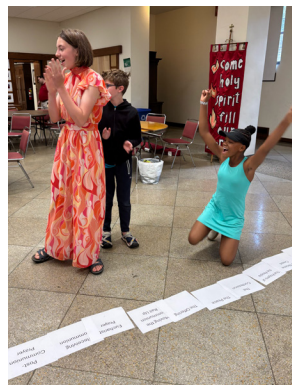




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Parish Notes

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Worship

Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, September 7



Welcome to a new program year! The clergy and staff have been busy planning and are looking forward to new opportunities to grow in faith together through Christ's love. On September 7, we are kicking off a new year by returning to our regular worship schedule (7:45 a.m. in

St. Martin's and 9 and 11:15 a.m. in the nave). Formation also begins for children and youth after the 9 a.m. service, our choirs return, and we will welcome our new rector, The Rev'd T.J. Freeman.

Worship

Holy Eucharist

7:45 a.m. | St. Martin's Chapel

9 a.m. | Nave

ASL interpreted

11:15 a.m. | Nave

Livestreamed at StPaulsCLE.org/Live

Mid-Week Services

Thursday Morning Prayer

9 a.m. on September 4; moves to 8:30 a.m. on September 11 and beyond

Join us for lay-led morning prayer on Thursdays in the Chapel of the Cross.

Weekly Bible Study

Resumes

Thursday, September 11, 9 a.m., *Sanders Room*

Join the preacher on deck for our weekly Bible Study, when we will take a closer look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday.



Small Groups

A Reflection on Summer Small Groups

by Kirsten Radivoyevitch

Membership Engagement Coordinator

Summer is coming to a close, and yet some of our Summer Small Groups are squeezing in one more time together before the start of the program year. Those who participated the groups noticed that even a single gathering could lead to a deeper sense of community. The conversations flow more easily in small groups, promoting empathy, understanding, and the desire to dig deeper. One member stated that, "It was so fun to be with a group like this (from church). We had great discussions because you could hear each other all around the table and you knew that you were being listened to, too."

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Each organizer decided what would work best for their group. A group that included families with young children had a fun playground date. Another invited a new neighbor as a way to introduce her to our church family. A third group decided to support St. Paul's relationship with EDWINS by gathering at their bakery on a Saturday morning. Yet another group sought to hone their shared interests by arranging their second gathering to take place at the Art Museum. By all measures, Summer Small Groups was a success, so...

We are re-envisioning the small group format to begin anew in October. It will be different from both the Small Groups of this summer and the Foyer Groups of the past—fewer Doodle Polls, less of a time commitment, and increased opportunities to engage with members of our worshipping community away from church. Intrigued? I hope so! Stay tuned for more information about "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" this fall.

Fellowship

Newcomer Garden Tour

Thursday, September 4, 5:30 pm - 7:30 p.m.
Meet in the Courtyard

The Newcomers Council and Lay Weeders invite all who are new to St. Paul's (within the last two years or so) to a guided tour of our beautiful church gardens. Stroll through the verdant spaces and learn more about the outdoor oases, lovingly maintained by our Lay Weeders gardening group. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kirsten Radivoyevitch: KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org.

Newcomer Blessing

Sunday, September 14, at all services

Getting incorporated into our spiritual community can take time. At St. Paul's, a person is considered a "newcomer" if they have experienced the joy of worshipping with us a few times and feel ours is the parish that fits them best. "Newcomers" have made the decision, over the past year or so, to become more engaged in the active life of our church.

Does this describe where you are in your faith journey? St. Paul's will offer a "Newcomer Blessing" in each service on Sunday, September 14. Kindly RSVP to KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org so we know at which service to expect you. We are so glad you are here and invite you to move at your own pace, stepping forward into membership whenever you feel ready.

Photo Directory Seatings

Seatings available September 14 - 21,
Reception Room

When T.J. Freeman was announced as our new rector, the email included a photo and video as a way of introducing himself. We have also featured photos of his family (wife Annie and children Ellie and Jack). **We have T.J.'s photo, now we need yours!**

Photos will be taken in the church's Reception Room. Sign up for your seating:
StPaulsCLE.org/2025directory.



Sign Up

A separate "senior" picture day at Judson Park is on Friday, September 12.

Pause reading for just a moment and schedule your photo shoot *now* before the best slots are taken! Questions or conflicts? Contact Kirsten: KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for the annual Parish Picnic, our all-parish fall fellowship event! This is a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the new program year, reconnect with parishioners and staff, and meet our newer members.

Take a ride on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car or swing to the sounds of the Forest City String Band. The evening will include face painting, a balloon artist, and a beer and wine tent. Lots of fun for all ages!



Join us for grilled brats, hot dogs, and "not-dogs" in the Coventry parking area. **Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or side dish to share.** Friends and neighbors welcome!

Sages Kick-Off Outing

Monday, September 22, 11 a.m.,
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Sages, St. Paul's group for "seasoned citizens," begins its fall program at the Cleveland Zoo Rhinoceros' exhibit. An officer of the Zoological Society and former animal caretaker will discuss rhinos and provide a private tour of nearby exhibits. Cuyahoga County residents get free zoo admission on Mondays with your driver's license, state ID, or utility bill addressed to you. Bring a lunch (no glass containers or alcohol). Call the zoo ahead to rent a standard or electric wheelchair. RSVP for the event and tell us if you can provide a ride. Email KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org. *Rain date September 29.*

Music and Arts

Parish Choirs Kick-off the Program Year

The music ministry of St. Paul's begins its program year this month with the advent of rehearsals for our choirs. Membership in all the choirs is open to all. Please contact each director for more information on how to join.

St. Paul's Ringers - handbell choir

Monday, August 25, 5:15 p.m., *Nave*

Weekly rehearsals are on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. in the Nave, except on holidays when the church is closed.

Director: Lois Bell | LoisMusic@hotmail.com



Vocal Choirs for Children & Youth

All rehearsals for children and youth occur in the Youth Choir Room (*basement*). We rehearse weekly during the program year unless otherwise noted.

St. Catherine (Grades 1 & 2):

Begins: Thursday, September 4, 4:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia and St. David (Grades 3-6):

Begins: Thursday, September 4, 5 p.m.

The Youth Choir (Grades 7-12):

Begins: Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m.

Director: Kelsey Ferguson | KFerguson@StPaulsCLE.org

St. Paul's Senior Choir

Thursday, September 4, 7:15 p.m., *Choir Room*

Weekly rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room (on the main level, next to the Parish Office)

Director: Kevin Jones | KJones@StPaulsCLE.org

Concerts at St. Paul's

The 2025–2026 season of Concerts at St. Paul's is in full swing this month with two offerings. More information on both of these events as well as the upcoming year is available on the St. Paul's website: StPaulsCLE.org/concerts

Senior Choir Choral Evensong

Sunday, September 21, 4 p.m.

The Senior Choir offers Choral Evensong with music by Bernard Rose, Herbert Howells, and H. Balfour Gardiner. This is the first of a series of monthly Evensongs on the third Sunday of each month as announced.

- **Bernard Rose** *Preces and Responses*
- **Herbert Howells** "*Worcester Cathedral*" *Canticles*
- **H. Balfour Gardiner** *Evening Hymn*

If you can't make it in person, watch the livestream on St. Paul's website: StPaulsCLE.org/live



Joseph Milgram Jr. Memorial Concert

Sunday, September 28, 4 p.m.

Great Performances presents the Joseph B. Milgram, Jr. Memorial Concert featuring a concert by Kevin Jones and friends to honor the memory and musical patronage of the late Joseph Milgram. For decades Mr. Milgram and his late wife, Sally, were ardent supporters of musical events at St. Paul's and sought to share their love of fine music with the community. Music will include selections for flute, harp, soprano, bass, trumpet and organ that were curated by Mr. Milgram himself. Music by Bach, Copland, Handel, Mozart, and others.



Music and Arts

In Quires and Places Where They Sing

by Kevin Jones, *Director of Music*

The 2025 Senior Choir Pilgrimage to the U.K. was July 18 - 28. Twenty-eight singers, ten non-singing pilgrimagees, organist Todd Wilson, and director Kevin Jones traveled from Cleveland to London's Heathrow airport. Our primary undertaking was a week-long choral residency at Salisbury Cathedral, singing daily services (*in this case, four Evensongs and three Choral Eucharists*) while Salisbury's choir was on its summer break. We also were privileged to sing three services at Bath Abbey, an Abbey church consecrated in the mid- to late-twelfth century.

The group traveled to Windsor Castle, Lacock Village and Abbey (*the birthplace of modern photography*), Winchester, Portsmouth Harbor (*to see the HMS Victory and the Mary Rose*), and spent a full day in Oxford. It was a week full of new adventures, lots of singing, making new friends, lots of singing, renewing old friendships, lots of singing, and experiencing life as part of a Cathedral community. The choir prepared three sets of Responses, three sets of Evening canticles, three mass settings, countless Anglican chant Psalms, and eight different anthems—all sung in seven days.



The title of this article, “In Quires and Places Where They Sing,” is a rubric contained in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. A “choir” to us is a musical ensemble, but a “quire” is actually a location within a church or cathedral. We might call

it a choir loft or choir stalls. Historically, however, a Quire is a place from where the song of the faithful was led. We sang in such a place at Salisbury which was located between the Nave and the Sanctuary (*the high altar and presbytery*).

Congregants for daily services were invited to sit to the sides and behind the choir, thereby joining to experience the liturgy together as one body. It is a powerful experience of communal prayer and one that we will not soon forget.

I commend to you the Rev. Gregory Sammons's enlightening, inspiring, and descriptive daily blog of our trip if you have not read it. It allows the reader to experience the day-to-day nature of the trip and feel how our experiences together shaped us. Find it on the St. Paul's website at StPaulsCLE.org/2025trip.

Thank you, St. Paul's, for making our trip possible. We hope to bring at least some of the joy of our shared experience to you this fall as we resume our regular work each and every Sunday morning.

Rees Taylor Roberts Joins Music Staff

We are very excited to welcome Rees Taylor Roberts, assistant organist, to the staff of St. Paul's. You'll see him primarily on the bench at 9 a.m. services and third-Sunday Evensong services.



Rees holds degrees from Indiana University and Arizona State University, where he studied organ with Kimberly Marshall, Jeannette Fishell, and Jeffrey Smith, and piano with Baruch Meir.

While a student at Indiana, Roberts sang in the school's new-music ensemble, NOTUS, under the direction of Dominick DiOrio, where he premiered over two dozen works as a singer and accompanist. He can be heard on the discs *What is Ours: Music for an America in Progress*, and *Sa Ináng Báyan: To the Motherland*.

He has worked as a staff organist at the Chautauqua Institution, organ scholar at Church of the Advent (Boston), Saint Paul's K Street (DC), and numerous RSCM summer training programs. He has performed at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, and across the continental US.

When not at St. Paul's, Rees works as the Development Manager for Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra. Welcome, Rees!

Music & Arts



Concerts at St. Paul's
2025-2026



Friends of Music

A new season of concerts at St. Paul's begins! From the time of Walter Blodgett, through the legacy of Karel Paukert, to the present moment, fine music has played its part in forming the voice of our faith and of the wider community.

St. Paul's has hosted countless concerts, recitals, and special events and has been a leader in liturgical music through

its choirs and instruments. The Friends of Music at St. Paul's will continue to make possible these concerts, recitals, and liturgical music into the future.

Concert offerings at St. Paul's occur largely outside the operating budget and require additional financial support. Details for the complete season and digital concert brochure are available on our website: StPaulsCLE.org/concerts

Will you help us continue these successes in years to come? Become a member of Friends of Music or renew your support to assure continued support for these concerts. It is only through your generosity that we are able to take on these ambitious plans.

We have established the following categories of suggested amounts, but any amount is important and gratefully received:

- Gabriel: \$1000+
- Archangel: \$500-\$999
- Seraph: \$250-\$499
- Cherub: \$100-\$249
- Angel: \$50-\$99
- Friend: \$1-\$49

To donate online, visit StPaulsCLE.org/kpmf or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generous support of music at St. Paul's!

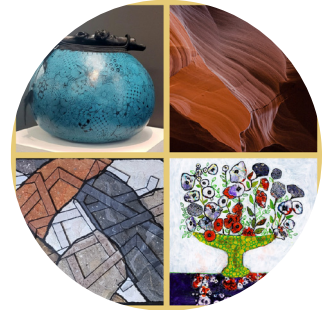
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Nicholson B. White Gallery: Fall Show Opening Reception

Thursday, September 11, 5 – 7 p.m.
Artists' Conversation at 6 p.m.

Come meet the four local artists whose original works are featured in our fall gallery show. They include colorful paintings by Renee Sentilles, floral and desert landscape photography by Jane Sydney, mixed media abstract works by Gary Nass, and mixed media by April Nicholson-Couch. Refreshments and live music will be provided. Artists will be introduced around 6 p.m.



Peruse the gallery show at your leisure until Sunday, November 9. You can also support the local artists by purchasing one of their pieces for your collection! The NBW Gallery doesn't take a commission for any of the pieces sold—all the money goes to the artists. See the brochure in the gallery for more information.

Polyphony Concert: Tickets on Sale

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.
Doors open 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Polyphony was formed by Stephen Layton in 1986 for a concert in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Since then, the choir has recorded regularly and performed worldwide to great critical acclaim.

Recent reviews declare Polyphony as "one of the best small choirs now before the public" (Telegraph) and "possibly the best small professional chorus in the world" (Encore Magazine, USA).

Tickets are required. General admission is \$25. Student tickets are only \$10. *Remember to use coupon code STUDENT at checkout to have the discount applied.*

Buy tickets online:
StPaulsCLE.org/polyphony



Buy Tickets

Children & Youth

Weekly Village Playground Gatherings

Starting Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m. - noon
St. Paul's Playground

New this fall! Starting Sunday, September 7, we'll gather every Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon for casual conversation and post-church-school wiggles. Come as you are and stay for a few minutes or the whole hour! It's low-key, come-and-go, and all about building community with other parents and caregivers.

Youth Group Kick-Off Party!

Sunday, September 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



We listened! There were many families who said they would be out of town over the Labor Day holiday weekend. We don't want to leave anyone out, so our Youth Group Kick-Off Party is rescheduled to Sunday, September 7!

Email Susan Armstrong with questions or if you can make it: SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org

Save the Date! CAST Fall Play Auditions

Saturday and Sunday, September 20 - 21



Children in 3rd grade and up are invited to participate in CAST (Christian Action through Student Theater) for the 2025-2026 season! This is a fantastic opportunity to explore creativity, build confidence, and make lifelong memories through theater.

No need to prepare anything—just come ready to move, play theater games, and read from the script with other actors.

For more information, contact Susan Armstrong at SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org. And save the dates for the show - November 14 and 15!

The Village Monthly Gathering

Saturday, September 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m.,
St. Paul's Playground

The Village is our community of families with young children (babies through 3rd graders)—a place to connect, laugh, share stories, and let the kids play! Whether you're brand new or a longtime friend, we hope you'll join us on the playground!



TotalChaosInTheNameOfTheLordAmen!

Saturday, September 27, 3 - 5 p.m.

For kids 4th - 6th grade.

Email Susan Armstrong with any questions:
SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Ministry Discernment Day

2025: *Person, Place & Provisions*

Saturday, October 4, *Bellwether Farm*

This diocesan event is designed to equip participants with tools to reflect on how and where God may be calling them- whether you're sensing a call to ordained ministry or wondering how your gifts might serve God and community through lay leadership. The program includes a presentation on discernment practices, time for self-reflection, large group panels, small group conversations, worship, and a complimentary lunch.

For more information, email Rev. Gabriel:
GLawrence@StPaulsCLE.org

Outreach

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

Saturdays, September 6 and 27



St. Paul's next work day with Habitat for Humanity will be Saturday, September 6, possibly at the home being built for the Bahati family. If plumbing or electrical construction is scheduled that day, we will work at another site (those are not tasks for volunteers!).

On September 27, there will be a Neighborhood Spruce Up day near the Bahati's future home.

There are many ways to get involved, including jobs for those with no building skills, jobs for those with power tools, or making lunches for the crew. We hope you can join us!

If you have questions, please email Kathy Hogg: KHogg75@gmail.com

Tutors Make a Difference



St. Paul's tutoring program is starting back up at Cleveland Heights-University Heights elementary schools and we're looking for volunteers to help meet the needs of the children. Tutors meet with students for one hour weekly to

both encourage children and help build skills. If you'd like to help make a difference in a child's life, or have questions, contact Cathy Albers: cla2@case.edu

Loaves and Fishes

Second Wednesdays and Third Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., *LMM Men's Shelter, 2100 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland*

St. Paul's Loaves & Fishes has picked up an additional monthly shift at the shelter. We will continue to provide casseroles every other month, serve on the second Wednesday of every month, and now we have the opportunity to serve on the third Thursday of the month.

Lunch is served at noon and concludes at 1 p.m. If you would like to serve lunch, please plan to arrive by 11:30 a.m. and stay as long as you are able. Tasks include serving meals, visiting with attendees, and various preparation/clean-up tasks. There are usually 100+ guests for lunch.

Want to support this ministry but can't make it during the workday? We also need folks to prepare casseroles (recipes provided) and bake cookies. You can bring your contributions to St. Paul's the Sunday before our service date. Email Adam Blackman for more information:

Blackman@ClevelandInternationalFund.com



Stewardship

A Roadmap for Stewardship Season

by Lael Carter, *Stewardship Committee Chair*

This fall will be especially exciting for St. Paul's as we welcome our new rector, T.J. Freeman, and his family, Annie, Ellie, and Jack, to begin the program year. Together, we will share in worship, song, fellowship gatherings, Christian formation, and the many volunteer activities that bring joy and meaning to our lives and a sense of belonging to St. Paul's. And yes, we will also share in our communal commitment to the responsible stewardship of our church home.

The Stewardship Committee began their work in May to plan the 2026 Annual Fund Campaign. With Stephen Applegate's guidance, we have been preparing for the transition and our new rector's leadership.

Stewardship

Recently, Stephen led the committee through a process of imagining what *belonging* and *giving* mean and how this applies to our annual pledge of financial support to St. Paul's. Some of the themes you will hear in this year's campaign are:

- St. Paul's is a safe place to belong and be involved
- At St. Paul's, parishioners feel connected, welcomed, and valued
- Our pledge commitments involve giving of oneself on behalf of the whole
- We embrace responsibility for supporting each other and the wider community
- We give with gratitude and confidence that our gifts will grow and continue to provide that safe place to worship, to be vulnerable, to love and be loved unconditionally by each other and God
- St. Paul's feels like *home*.

The committee is excited about the work ahead. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to be here:

- October 12: Campaign "Kick Off" Sunday
- November 9: Commitment Sunday – Services at 7:45 and 10 a.m. followed by brunch for all.

Get involved with Stewardship! Event planners, cooks, bakers, and letter writers are needed! Contact Pam O'Halloran at POhalloran@StPaulsCLE.org or Lael Carter at LaelBill66@gmail.com for more information.

With your commitment and involvement, the 2026 Annual Fund Campaign will provide the growth and energy we know is possible within this dynamic and committed parish.

We thank you!

The 2026 Stewardship Committee:

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| Lael Carter, <i>Chair</i> | Adam Blackman |
| Julia Kaesberg Dye | Muffy Kaesberg |
| Maureen Kilroy | Joel Slamkowski |
| Meg Weingart | Andy Wheaton |

Formation

During the 2025-26 Program Year, Sunday morning Forums will deepen our understanding of *Belonging*.

Meet the Rector

Sunday, September 14, 10:10 a.m., *Tucker Hall*

Join us for a great opportunity to get to know our new rector, the Rev'd T.J. Freeman.

Belonging: A Community Conversation

Sunday, September 28, 10:10 a.m.,
Dining Room

Join Rev. Patricia and Kirsten Radivoyevitch, St. Paul's Membership Engagement Coordinator, for this forum.

Our theme at St. Paul's this year, including all forums, is "Belonging." We saw a longing for this in our parish survey results last year. This theme threads through the nuanced depths of our lives, from spiritual to communal, from our cultural context to our deepest struggles and blessings. What does "Belonging" mean to you? Come to discuss and learn more about our coming year!

Invite, Welcome, Connect - Mary Parmer

Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5

Guided by the gospel of abundant love, *Invite, Welcome, Connect* is a set of tools and practices that equip and empower individuals and congregations to joyful practices of hospitality and connectedness.

Mary Parmer, the developer of this system, has taught about these valuable practices in over 70 Episcopal dioceses, as well as in seminaries, universities, and in Canada.

Mary will present a half-day workshop on Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Tucker Hall. She will also preach at all three services on Sunday, October 5, and present at the Adult Forum at 10:10 a.m.



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The Rector Search

On Sunday, August 17, the St. Paul's Rector Search Committee was decommissioned and thanked for their work in calling The Rev'd T.J. Freeman as our rector.

The process took 14 Search Committee Members, two interim rectors, and over a year of waiting, praying, and discerning. Unless you were a member of the Rector Search Committee (or lived with one!), very few knew the full extent of the love, sweat, and tears poured out these past 12 months. Here is a small snippet from a longer piece about the contributions of the Rector Search Committee. The full summary can be found on our website: StPaulsCLE.org/Our-Rector-Search

Search Committee Values



Commitment by the Numbers

108 Zoom Hours

420 Visiting Hours

850 total hours

216 Reading Hours

106 Misc. Hours

● = 1 Day

Timeline of Events

- Summer 2024 ● Sam Hartwell, Senior Warden, and Susan Quill, Junior Warden, assembled the Rector Search Committee with co-chairs Liz Patterson and Bill Powel leading
- August 2024 ● Hired Anne Schmidt, Search Consultant, and the Vestry charged the Rector Search Committee
- September 8, 2024 ● Commissioning of the Rector Search Committee
- September 15, 2024 ● Bishop Jeff's first Sunday at St. Pauls
- Oct - Nov 2024 ● Listening sessions and distribution of the Holy Cow survey (Church Assessment Tool/CAT)
- December 2024 ● Review of CAT results
- January 12, 2025 ● Bishop Jeff's last Sunday at St. Paul's
- January 26, 2025 ● The Rev. Dr. Applegate's first Sunday at St. Paul's
- Jan - Feb 2025 ● Parish Profile and Office for Transition Ministry Portfolio developed and published
- Mar - Apr 2025 ● Applications received; Diocese conducted red flag checks on applicants
- May - July 2025 ● Candidate interviews, site visits, committee discernment
- July 11, 2025 ● Finalist determined
- July 21, 2025 ● Search Committee presented recommended candidate; Vestry affirms
- July 31, 2025 ● St. Paul's clergy and staff informed; announcement to Parish scheduled
- August 1, 2025 ● The Rev'd T.J. Freeman announced as the 17th Rector of St. Paul's
- August 17, 2025 ● Search Committee decommissioned; Stephen Applegate's last Sunday
- August 25, 2025 ● T.J.'s official start date as Rector
- September 2, 2025 ● T.J. begins onsite office hours
- September 7, 2025 ● Kick-Off Sunday; T.J.'s first Sunday in worship

Choosing a Finalist

When reviewing several candidates, applications can start to blur together. These are just a few things about T.J.'s professional experience that stood out to the Rector Search Committee:

- A preacher who can inspire and challenge us to hear and follow a call to live out our baptismal covenant
- Is an Oracle—Holy Spirit is truly embodied
- Radiates layers of messages to be received by all
- Inclusivity in all forms
- Believes a sermon should always offer an opportunity to see Jesus
- Gifted communicator
- Builds community with staff
- Warm, relatable, authentic, kind
- Generous of time
- Grew young adult ministry from six to over 100
- Grounded in faith
- Captivates the room

In His Words

We will hear from T.J. for his first time as St. Paul's Rector on Sunday, September 7. Until then, here are a few quotes that capture T.J.'s sentiment for this new journey together:

"Earlier this year, a friend texted to ask if I would prayerfully consider the opportunity to become the next Rector of Saint Paul's. From the moment I began to read your parish profile, something was stirring in my heart. Over the intervening months of prayer, conversation, and discernment, I have fallen in love with Saint Paul's and with your mission of Seeking. Serving. Loving. Together."

"There is so much more to say, but that will have to wait for now. I will close by reiterating how much of an honor and a privilege it is for me to have been chosen to be your next Rector. My deepest prayer is that our ministry together will be a time of worship, learning, and play where we fall ever more deeply in love with Jesus, with our neighbors, and with one another."

Gratitude for the Committee

Their work is now complete! Please continue to keep the members of the decommissioned Rector Search Committee in your prayers, now in gratitude for their service to St. Paul's!

Liz Patterson, *Co-Chair* Bill Powel, *Co-Chair*
Diane Banyard Brett Barkley
Kristen Busa Tom Nobbe
Liz Rodems Emma Quill
Akua Saunders Peter Scriven
Andrea Turner, *Vestry Liaison* Amy Zipp
Anne Schmidt, *Consultant*
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, *Chaplain*



The Rev'd T.J. Freeman and family were in Cleveland Heights on August 1 to take a family tour of St. Paul's and go house hunting. Since then, their offer on a home was accepted, Ellie and Jack have attended school orientations, and T.J. has begun setting up his office!

Without love, nothing is valid in the Church because nothing is possible.
— Alexander Schmemmann

Please Note

Church Office Closed

Monday, September 1

The parish office and church building will be closed on Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day holiday. If you need pastoral care while the office is closed, please call the Pastoral Care Line to be connected to one of St. Paul's clergy: (216) 238-4001.

Important October Dates

Workshop and Forum with Mary Parmer

Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5

Blessing of the Animals:

Sunday, October 5, 4 p.m.

Open Doors Academy Clambake:

Saturday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.

Cleveland Rowing Foundation

Great Performances Concert, Coventry

Camerata: Sunday, October 12, 4 p.m.

Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop:

Saturday, October 18

Polyphony Concert:

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. (*ticketed event*)

Service of Remembrance:

Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m.

Pictures on Front Cover - Top row, left: Bishop Anne, Rev. Patricia, Rev. Gabriel, and Rev. Rose Anne at CCD Graduation; Top row middle, Second row: Outdoor services provide ample space and ground cover for finishing breakfast, getting the wiggles out, or stretching your legs! Top Row, Right: Storm clouds threatened the 9 a.m. service on Stephen's last Sunday, but the rain held off! Third Row, Left: Thanking and decommissioning the Rector Search Committee; Third Row, Middle: Susan Quill (Sr. Warden) expressing our thanks to the Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate; Third Row, Right: Stephen at his final Vestry meeting; Fourth Row: The Village Kick-Off Gathering, Holy Hiking, and TotalChaosInTheNameOfTheLord!Amen!; Fifth Row: Bluegrass Eucharist with the Forest City String Band featuring Lauren Dockery, and Youth Acolyte Training.

Leadership at St. Paul's

2025 Vestry

Cathy Albers, *Liaison for Child. & Youth Formation*

Lloyd Bell, *Treasurer*

Adam Blackman, *Liaison for Fin., Stewardship, Invest.*

Lilly Boehm, *Youth Delegate*

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