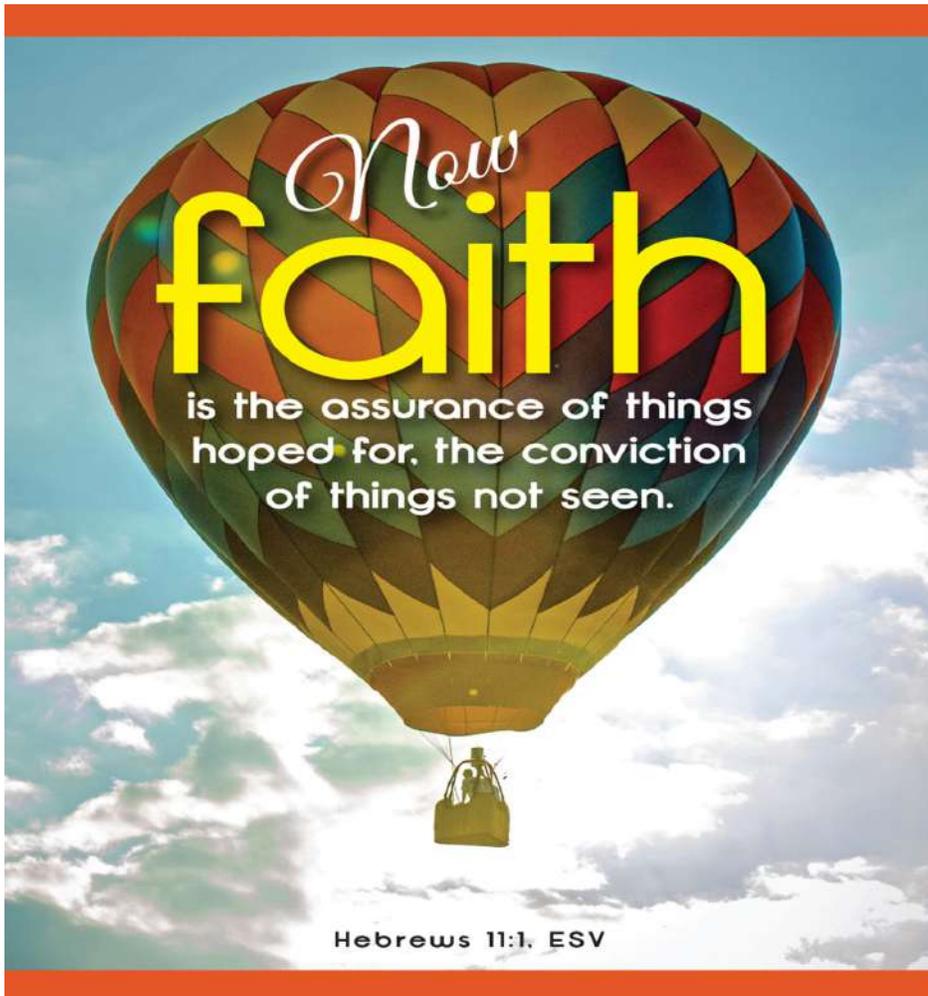


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Rector's Corner

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Cor. 13:11-13

Amid my excitement about my new position in Asheville, I am grieving the loss of your good company. The laughter, the tears, the dire moments, and the fun have so enriched our lives and for all these moments we give thanks to God. We never know when we will come and when we will go because as much as we plan, we know that life is full of change and thankfully, God is with us wherever we go.

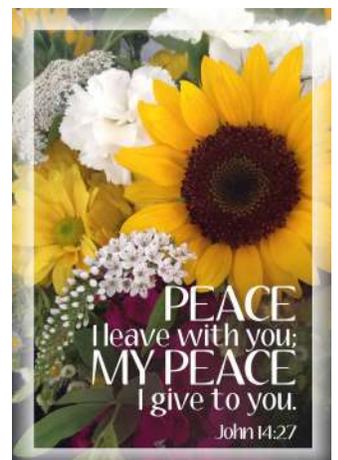
I have seen the Holy Spirit at work in this community, knitting us together in bonds of affection and care for each other. We are all siblings in Christ Jesus and if we focus on that identity and the love of God that we share, then we will live together in true discipleship. We have experienced so much chaos over these last five years together and seen so much change. I've been so glad to have lived all of this with the good folks of St. Paul's. The support we have given each other and the compassion that is at the heart of our relationships grabs folks and draws them in.

I will baptize a new young soul before I depart St. Paul's and that is the most joyful way I can think of to celebrate together as I leave. Baptism is the ultimate sign of hope in this world. Amid the chaos and strife of our lives we come together as one to remember our own baptisms and identities as siblings in Christ and to welcome and support new Christians and their families. Nothing could be a more perfect sign of the continuation of the life of the Church that Christ founded here on earth.

Rest assured, the St. Paul's staff and vestry are working very hard to support mission and ministry and lead this church forward. Please give them your support in asking what you can do to help the ministry of St. Paul's continue. The key way to help in this transition period is to communicate often with Alice and offer to help with the many responsibilities vestry has. Thank you for your love of this congregation and our community. Opportunities to serve will continue to come to you and your willingness to rise to the occasion is essential.

Finally, know that our love for you has never waned and you are always welcome to look us up in Asheville should you be visiting. Until then remember that life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Faithfully,
Sarah+



Goodbye Party for Rev. Sarah and Dee



Join us on Sunday, August 14, 2022 as we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Reverend Sarah and her wife Dee.



Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Road in Jackson
12:30 p.m.
(or immediately after the 10:30 service)

Hors'doevrs, cake, coffee, tea, and water will be available as well as cash bar.

Anyone wishing to donate to Sarah's departure fund can do so by putting Sarah's name in the memo line and mailing it the church office located at
309 S. Jackson St. Jackson, Jackson MI 49201
Gifts can also be brought to the party!

From our Sr. Warden...

As St. Paul's streaks toward a new normal we are preparing for the changes soon to come. The process of calling a new rector will begin in earnest late in August. Prior to that we will spend our time saying goodbye to Pastor Sarah and Dee. A party is being planned at the Cascades Manor at 12 PM on August 14. All are invited. Pictures of Sarah, Dee and events that we shared are requested please send them to Alice.

Sarah's energy and enthusiasm has moved this church in ways that were never considered in times past. That leadership will be hard to replace. In the meantime, the vestry is looking to enlist volunteers to carry on the work of the church as we start into the discernment process. The church is more than a Rector and a building. It is people working and laughing together to create an experience that moves us in the spirit. There are opportunities to be an active part of St Paul's as Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee Hour, Tech team, Mission and Outreach, Christian Education, Buildings and Grounds and more. If there is something that you would like to contribute to, contact a vestry member and they will point you in the right direction. Hopefully, soon we will call a new Choir director and voices are always welcome.

For those that missed the listening opportunities that were given in the past month as part of Natalie Magnusson's Doctoral project, you missed a great opportunity. I would like to see something of this nature continue, on a regular basis, especially in the fall and winter.

I have gotten a bid on reconstructing the rails on the back stairs and the front entrance. Part of that process will include concrete repair and replacement. I have no bids on the concrete yet.

God's Peace,
Barney



“IN THANKSGIVING”

This month we are grateful for:

Our Vestry, wardens, and all worship ministry committee members for their time and efforts during this time of transition; and especially Barney Rudolph for the many hats he wears here at St. Paul's!

The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

Hello friends. I am going to stop writing this article if for no other reason that it just makes the year fly by. August is here already. The eighth month, named after Augustus Caesar who died in 8 BCE. The weather is just beautiful here in Jackson and the summer is progressing.

One of the biggest feasts of August is the feast of the Assumption of the blessed Mary Virgin. This is celebrated mainly by Roman Catholics and but also in parts of the Anglican communion. The story of the assumption is varied. Some believe that Mary was raised into heaven without experiencing physical death. Others believe that she did, in fact die but was immediately resurrected and then assumed into heaven. The Eastern Orthodox church celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God or the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God". They believe that she died a natural death and like Jesus, was 3 days dead then resurrected and her spirit was assumed into heaven. And so the question remains whether she died first or was assumed in human bodily form.

Our July meeting was our annual picnic at the Rowley house. It was a perfect day for it. The weather could not have been better and the women enjoyed being in and outside in equal measure. We had a lot of fun, food and fellowship. Thank you to all who contributed food and monetary donations. It was a wonderful day!

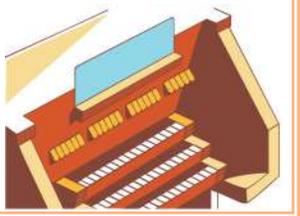
We are taking the month of August off so people can enjoy their summer, their families and their vacations. We will get back together in September when we have a social gathering and discuss the year ahead. We have a lot planned already. Things that seemed so long ago when in the planning are now just mere weeks away.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer festivities.
See you all in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Rowley, Vice President, ECW.



Organist's Corner



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Music Updates and Information

♪ CHOIR DIRECTOR Thank you to everyone who continues to express interest in our search for a new choir director. We have had two applicants for the job since it was posted. We conducted phone interviews with both candidates and it emerged that the first has knowledge and training in liturgical church music and the second does not yet have that expertise. Our hiring committee had identified experience and training in the Episcopal or similar liturgical traditions as one of our top priorities. The first candidate was scheduled for a second interview and an opportunity to work with a group of our choir members so that we could observe him in action. Unfortunately, he became ill the day of his interview and had to cancel. We hope to reschedule in the next week or so.

♪ FAVORITES FOR FALL In Pastor Sarah's absence, I will be more involved in selecting the hymns and liturgy for our services. This fall I would like to bring back something from a summer a few years ago. I will soon be putting up a sheet on the bulletin board in the glass narthex. I invite you to add your favorite hymns to that list and I will attempt to include as many of those hymns as possible to our services in September and October. Our hymns are driven by the lessons for each Sunday, so it may not be possible to sing every hymn requested. If you'd like to include the hymn number from *Worship and Rejoice* or *The Hymnal 1982*, that would be great, but not necessary. I look forward to seeing what hymns everyone loves!

♪ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT The weekend of July 31 – August 2, I attended a Summer Music Conference in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to always great keyboard repertoire sessions, there were sessions on handbells, children's music, choral music, organ practice techniques, and one called "Preaching from the Choir" dealing with remembering our vocation and recommitting to our calling as church musicians. Our calling as church musicians is sometimes easy to lose track of amidst all the practicing, planning, selecting music, and working to educate others about the music of the church. I also always appreciate opportunities to grow and to network with fellow musicians. As another part of that quest, I am working on the application for membership in the Association of Anglican Musicians. This group requires that I be nominated by a current member and supported by another member as well as our rector. I have had the chance to meet and lunch with the retired organist/music director from Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, who will nominate me. I have also reconnected with a Lansing-area former Lutheran organist (42 years), who has now been an Episcopal organist for 8 years. I hope that this membership will also offer me many opportunities for professional development as well as the chance to make new connections with fellow Episcopalian organists.

Julie J. Baglien, Organist



We were happy to offer space and support for the Get Real program for another summer, and be able to send them once again by bus to Silver Beach in St. Joe where they were able to enjoy a pizza lunch. Many of these kids have never left Jackson, or had the chance to see our beautiful Lake Michigan. Many thanks for your generosity in making this happen for them!



**GET
REAL BEACH TRIP 2022**



Coffee Hour Help Needed

Help is needed with providing a sweet item and a sweet gluten free item for coffee hour. If you can bring in cookies, cake, cupcakes, danishes or any other type of sweet item, please sign up. You can sign up in the calendar located in the 3-ring binder which is put on the table during coffee hour or let someone on the hospitality team know. Big Guy Catering provides a tray of food that usually contains a dip, crackers, cheese or veggies / fruits so you only need to bring in a sweet item (regular and gluten free)

In addition, the person bringing in the item typically makes the coffee, prepare the goodies for serving and refills the coffee as needed during fellowship. If you cannot do the prep or serving but can bring in something sweet, it will still be a huge help. There are several women who work to keep the hospitality flowing in our halls. They are Jo Alipit, Debbie Batchelder, Romelle Frey, and Rhonda Rudolph. We are pleased to have Sally McKinnon join our hospitality team as well. These women would be happy to assist you, coach you or work with you in any way to make your coffee hour hosting a true success. If you would like to join our team as we work to have a wonderful hospitality service in our church, please contact Rhonda Rudolph at (517) 474-4368.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide in in this ministry.

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JACKSON PRIDE CENTER PRESENTS
PRIDEFEST 2022
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

WALK OF PRIDE BEGINS AT 3:30PM
IN FRONT OF CONSUMERS ENERGY, 7 ENERGY PLAZA
TO HORRACE BLACKMAN PARK

VE MUSIC: 4PM CHEY HALIWILL | 4:45PM ROLLING HILLS | 6PM CODE BLU
FOOD TRUCKS: CRAVEABLES | JR'S RESTAURANT ON WHEELS
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AFTERGLOW IN DOWNTOWN JACKSON -- LOCAL BARS WILL HAVE DRINK AND FOOD SPECIALS IN HONOR OF PRIDE
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← **BLOCK PARTY**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

11 AM - 3 PM

ENTRYWAY RENOVATION RIBBON CUTTING AT 11:30 AM

FREE EVENT!

414 S. BLACKSTONE ST, JACKSON MI

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 AT 11 AM - 3 PM

Block Party & Entryway Ribbon Cutting

Jackson Interfaith Shelter • Jackson, MI



Leadership for St. Paul's Areas of Ministry

- ◆ **Worship:** Julie Baglien, Alice Mulhearn, Barney Rudolph, Dennis Marsh, Elaine Themm, Eston Dawson-Baglien
- ◆ **Pastoral Care/Funerals:** Alice Mulhearn, Rev. Phil Stout, Rev. Jim Hegedus, Rev.'s Ross & Sue Vandercook
- ◆ **Administration & Vestry:** Alice Mulhearn, Marco Shehab, Barney Rudolph, Elaine Themm, Dennis Marsh
- ◆ **Education:** Forum – Eric Magnusson, James Grant; Children & Youth – Kim Perlos, Tom Holsinger-Friesen, Natalie Magnusson, Elaine Themm
- ◆ **Altar Guild/Flowers:** Cheryl Gumper, Christie Swanson
- ◆ **Buildings & Grounds:** Harry Strait, Barney Rudolph, Eston Dawson-Baglien
- ◆ **Mission & Outreach:** Heidi Hosler-Lathrop, Dana Burkey
- ◆ **Hospitality:** Big Guy Catering, Christie Swanson, Rhonda Rudolph, Debbie Batchelder, Alice Mulhearn
- ◆ **Tech:** James Grant, Carrie Heider-Grant



Join us for in-person services at 8 am or 10:30 am.

Masks are recommended, but not required.

Or Join us online Sundays at 10:30 am:

For the Facebook Livestream of our service follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi>

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at <https://stpauljxmi.org/>

You can also view our services later on Facebook.

(You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view our videos.)



Join us each **Wednesday at 8pm** on our St. Paul's Facebook page

for the service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer with the commemoration of saints that day.

All are welcome to join us for a 'pub theology' evening. We meet at Ironbark Brewery **every other Wednesday at 6pm**. Questions? Email Tom at holsingerfriesen@gmail.com.

Bible Study



Bible Study will continue to be in person on Wednesdays in August at **10:30 am** in the Small Dining Room.



NOTE:

As of August 17th, we will not be holding our 12:15 pm Wednesday Eucharist service in the chapel (after Pastor Sarah leaves) until we are able to find an interim priest to lead it.

Adult Forum

9:15 am-10:15 am on Sundays in the small dining room.

Email Eric Magnusson (emagnusson75@gmail.com) for more info or questions.



St. Paul's Sexton Eston	
Dawson-Baglien	August 3
Rhys Grant	August 4
Eric Hughes	August 6
Melissa Congleton	August 7
Donna Thomas	August 11
Cheryl Gumper	August 14
Helen Greene	August 22
Lindy Perlos	August 26
Henry Themm	August 27
Carol Scheerbaum	August 30
Heather Youell	August 30
Heidi Lathrop	August 31

August

Peace and Rest

- Day 1: Psalms 29:11
- Day 2: Romans 12:18-21
- Day 3: Hebrews 12:14-15
- Day 4: Psalms 4:8
- Day 5: Jeremiah 6:16
- Day 6: Philippians 4:11
- Day 7: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 8: Romans 8:6
- Day 9: Psalms 119:165
- Day 10: Isaiah 32:17-18
- Day 11: 1 Peter 3:9-12
- Day 12: John 16:33
- Day 13: Matthew 11:28-29
- Day 14: 2 Thess 1:7
- Day 15: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 16: Romans 15:13
- Day 17: 1 Cor 14:33
- Day 18: Philippians 4:4-7
- Day 19: Colossians 3:15
- Day 20: Romans 5:1
- Day 21: Matthew 6:31-33
- Day 22: Psalms 116:7
- Day 23: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 24: Proverbs 16:7
- Day 25: 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Day 26: Philippians 4:8-9
- Day 27: Philippians 4:11
- Day 28: James 3:17-18
- Day 29: Matthew 5:9
- Day 30: John 14:27
- Day 31: Isaiah 9:6-7



Kingdom Bloggers



Loren & Christie Swanson
August 22

Introducing our new office assistant:

Miss Bonnie Mae Mulhearn!

Born in Mississippi on May 31, 2022 and adopted from the Jackson County Animal Shelter on July 26, 2022. Stop in the office and say hello to her sometime!





AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6 pm Toastmasters	10 :30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 8 pm FB Compline			
7 Birthdays & Anniv	8	9	10	11	12	13
8am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Dwelling in the Word w/ Natalie M. 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour		6 pm Toastmasters	10 :30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 8 pm FB Compline	5 pm Get Real Family Dinner		
14 Noisy Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20
8am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ 12:30 pm Rev. Sarah Good-bye Party @Cascades Manor House		6 pm Toastmasters 6:30 pm Vestry Mtg	10 :30 am Bible Study 8 pm FB Compline			St. Paul's @ Jxn Pridefest
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