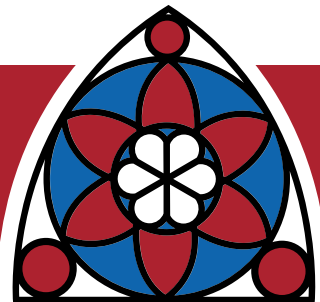


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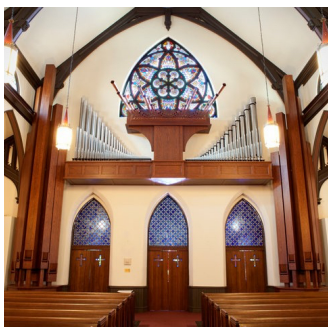
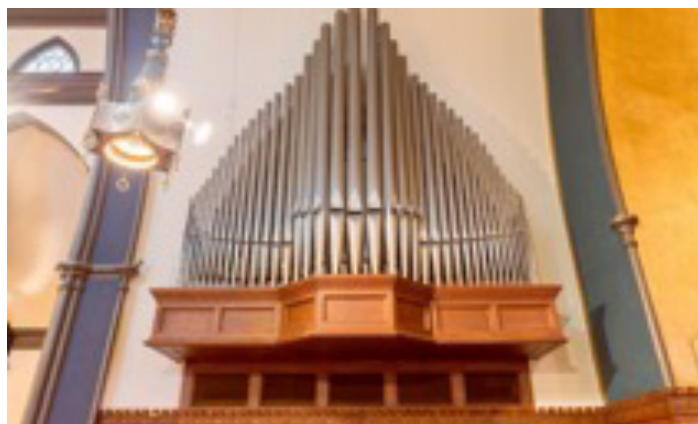
The Very Rev. Fr. Troy C. Beecham, Dean



Our Magnificent Casavant Organ

One of our great treasures at St. Paul's is our magnificent pipe organ. We were recently contacted by Jason Sturges, a former organist and music major at ISU, Jason now works for Meredith. Although very little information is available about the prior two organs, the current pipe organ, Op. 3719, was built by Casavant Freres, Ltd. of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec.

The main organ and chancel was installed in 1993. In 1997 the Antiphonal Division and trumpets were added, and in 2008 the 32-foot contre-violon (the 12 pipes on the side of the doors, seen in the photographs to the right) was added. There are 3,916 pipes, and the biggest weighs 500 pounds. It is one of the largest pipe organs in the state.



We would like to thank Jason for sending us these photographs he took for his current project, documenting pipe organs in Iowa for a free online publication.



From the Dean

Hello friends! I can hardly believe that Autumn is upon us. That's what happens when you have a busy church filled with God's people doing wonderful things here and in our community. Your chapter and staff are constantly in prayer and conversation with each other about how to better serve the people of St. Paul's and how to better discern who God is calling us to be and how we are to be his ministers in Des Moines.

I want to draw your attention to one project that has been in the background for some time, and which is now coming to the fore. When I was interviewing to be your Dean, one of the things that I proposed was redeveloping the downstairs classrooms and other spaces into some form of school. The last two and a half years since my arrival, we have already accomplished so much together: the Cathedral Preservation Fund,

new and repaired roofing, a new kitchen soon to be completed, the South Sudanese Church of Hope being founded this year



in our Chapel. There are more plans for the refurbishment of our beloved church and for expanded evangelism and outreach, which now can include the possible development of an early learning

center thanks to the very generous support of a member of the parish.

The chapter has established a committee tasked with looking into the feasibility and timeline of opening an early learning center, with whom I will be working closely to bring to fruition this long held dream of reaching out into our community with special focus on children.

If you have any questions, or would like to be involved as this process moves forward, please come and speak with me, or the members of the committee: the Sr. Warden, Stephanie Preusch, Tim Whipple, and Rick Stearns.

God is still speaking, still calling us as a people of faith, hope, and love, to grow in grace as disciples of Jesus Christ. What an exciting time to be part of St. Paul's!

Fr. Troy+

The 2018 Stewardship Campaign will kick off on Sunday, October 15th



Each fall parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider the abundance of God's blessings in their lives, to look at their household budgets and determine the weekly or monthly amount they choose to give to the Church in the next calendar year.

Annual Giving brochures and pledge cards will be mailed to all parishioners and will also be

available in the Guild Hall. The brochure will outline the annual expenditures of the parish, making it easy to identify exactly where your contributions are spent. The pledge card will make it easy and convenient to let us know your intent for 2018.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to St. Paul's.

A Stewardship Prayer

Fill us with your grace, that, as joyful stewards we have the strength and the will to fulfill your vision for our Cathedral Church.



OCTOBER DIOCESAN EVENTS



In partnership with the Diocese of Iowa, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host "REVIVAL 2017" on October 21 and 22. Additionally, the Bishop will join us for both services on Sunday, October 22nd.

REVIVAL 2017 is a worship experience that is taking place at Episcopal Churches across the state of Iowa throughout the year. REVIVAL 2017 is an opportunity to gather together in local congregations to reawaken

and rediscover God's Holy Spirit at work among us. It is an invitation to rekindle and recharge your faith and ministry and to share in Christ's abundant joy and strength.

The 7:00 p.m. Revival service will be led by the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa, along with local and diocesan leaders. The service will include music, personal testimony, and several prayer stations.

REVIVAL 2017 is free and open to the public. Parking is available and the building is handicap accessible.

Our guests include members of St. Mark's in Des Moines and All Saint's Church in Indianola, and we hope you will join us!

Diocesan Convention 165th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Iowa

October 27-28, 2017 | Des Moines Marriott Downtown | 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines



The Diocesan Convention is the annual two-day gathering where clergy and lay congregational representatives come together for

- Business including the Bishop's Address, Elections, and Resolutions.
- Collaborative Visioning
- Worship
- Information (Workshops, special guests, reports, and an Exhibit Hall with vendors and displays)
- Social Time to greet old friends and make new ones
- Young People (Children and youth of all ages are welcome to attend the Convention, with special programs for each age.)
- And more!

Meet Our Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers as our keynote presenter this year. Spellers serves as the Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation. She will present at the clergy gathering in the afternoon on Thursday, October 26, the open



session that evening, during the banquet on Friday night, October 27, and the Convention on Saturday, October 28.



OTHER OCTOBER EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

Choral Evensong

Our next Choral Evensong service will be on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m.

A unique service in the Anglican tradition, sung by the Howells Scholars, under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Gruber with Cathedral Organist Mark A. Babcock. Come early for the pre-service Carillon Concert at three-thirty, which will be given by our Carillonneur, Carl Gravander.



Men's Study Group

Our **Thursday Men's Study Group** is starting an exciting new book, "Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters" by N.T. Wright (available for purchase on Amazon). New members are always welcome to come join in our lively conversations and great fellowship!

Bishop Scarfe Visits St. Paul's

The Bishop will join us on Sunday, October 24th for both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. This is his annual visitation to St. Paul's, and we always look forward to his presence. Please join us!

LET'S celebrate

Member Birthdays

Happy Birthday, October Folks!

Judy Svengalis, Oct. 1
Melanie Scupham, Oct. 6
Barbara Hein, Oct. 9
Julie Linn, Oct. 10
Peg Courter, Oct. 11
Nancy Geiger, Oct. 12
Bruce Carr, Oct. 17

Tracy Wheeler, Oct. 18
Ben Allaway, Oct. 19
Doug Hein, Oct. 19
Sue Svenson, Oct. 21
Hulbert Bannister, Oct. 28
Jessica Rowe, Oct. 29

Member Anniversaries

Jim and Jill Ferguson, Oct. 19
Diane Hayes and Tom Creviston, Oct. 31

October Shelter Meal



Tuesday, October 24th is our opportunity to provide a meal to the people of Central Iowa Shelter at 1410 Mulberry Street. Up to 300 meals are provided. Please either sign up at Church or use the online sign up sheet.

Kitchen Update



The renovation of the kitchen just off the Undercroft is speeding along! As we go to press, the new cabinets and counter tops are being installed. We eagerly look forward to completing the work in the near future.



Looking ahead to November, and Sunday November 5th Especially

Sunday, November 5 will be a special day at St. Paul's. Our United Thank Offering Fall In Gathering will take place at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Later that day St. Paul's hosts the Second Annual Fund Raiser for Connection Café. See below for the details on both events that Sunday, and be sure to mark your calendar!

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Mark your calendars and save the date, because Sunday, November 5 will be a special day at St. Paul's, when we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints, and we will also conduct our Fall UTO Ingathering.

Please look for more information in the November issue of *The Journey*!



THE CONNECTION CAFÉ PRESENTS
John Zickefoose
“THIS IS THE LIFE!”

THE CONNECTION CAFÉ CABARET FUNDRAISER

Musical Direction by Bruce Martin

Sunday, November 5, 2017
Four o'clock p.m.

Refreshments
and light hors d'oeuvres

Tickets ~ \$20.00

A Special Cabaret Evening Benefiting the Connection Café

Please join the members of the Bridge Board as we host an evening of cabaret to benefit the Connection Café. This year's benefit features John Zickefoose singing songs by Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, and Cole Porter, among others. Tickets will be sold by members of Bridge Board Churches or by contacting Sally Bates at sallybat38@mchsi.com.



Des Moines' Ecumenical Eatery



The Connection Café

If you're looking for a feel-good activity at St. Paul's, come join the Connection Café crew! The Café is a ministry of The Bridge, an organization formed by the four downtown churches, St. Paul's, St. John's, First United Methodist, and St. Ambrose. Its purpose is to minister to and with people who live and work downtown. Current St. Paul's representatives on the Bridge Board are Sally Bates, president; Mark Pritchard, treasure; Marilyn Sands and Donna Hendrick.

When asked about her experience with the Connection Café, Sally

commented: "I've been hooked on the Café since its inception in 2004, when we opened in a shared space under the 7th and Grand parking garage next to the YWCA. More than 8,000 peeled hard-boiled eggs later, I still feel the blessing of having the opportunity to do God's work." The Café moved to the St. Paul's Undercroft after the city decided to tear down the garage. Moving to the church has brought a very positive response from the guests and volunteers. During those 13+ years, the Café has served close to 500,000 meals. While the coordinator, Rob Hoover, says the Café does receive

food donations from places like Hy-Vee and Chipotle, you and people like you from churches and civic groups throughout the metro area are the mainstay of the program, whether you sign up and contribute food items, make sandwiches after church, or volunteer on the second Monday of each month to serve meals. And remember that you can drop off nonperishable items like canned fruit or applesauce, packaged cookies, or chips at the church whenever it's convenient. When the kitchen renovation is completed, we also hope to occasionally provide some hot meals as well.

John Zickefoose Featured in "This is Life"

Although most parishioners know John Zickefoose through his work at the Cathedral, you may not know that he performed a one-man cabaret show for twenty years in several New York City night spots.

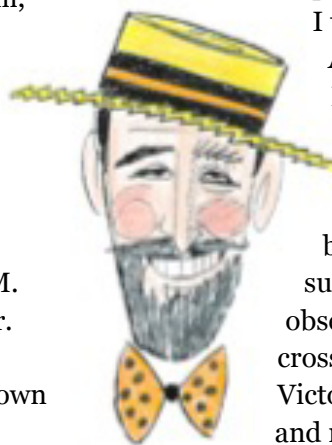
"Pure happenstance," he says. "Long before karaoke, there were piano bars in Manhattan with open microphones, so I'd just get up and sing, mostly show-tunes. Eventually I met Jan Wallman, the legendary cabaret owner whose Greenwich Village clubs incubated the careers of Joan Rivers, Barbra Streisand, Woody Allen, Rodney Dangerfield, and scores of other singers and comedians. She suggested I create an act of nostalgic songs for her, which I did, and it continued from there. After I moved to Des Moines, I was fortunate to meet the

highly gifted Bruce Martin, who adds so much with his marvelous keyboard talents. We started working together, and we've appeared at Terrace Hill, Hoyt Sherman Place, Hubbell School and the Des Moines Art Center.

"The performance will feature songs by Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, and Cole Porter. Discovering forgotten songs by these well-known composers is a delight. They're marvelous songs which somehow have gotten lost at the bottom of the piano bench; the choruses may be familiar, but over time the verses have been neglected, which makes them seem

novel and fresh today—almost like special material.

"For instance, one song, The Flying Trapeze, will surprise everyone I think, because it's not an American song, but an English one. Written in 1867—the middle of the Victorian era—and it's astounding because it's upfront about such issues as romantic obsession, stalking, and cross-dressing. Perhaps the Victorians weren't as prudish and reticent as we think. This is St. Paul's second fundraiser for Connection Café. This is one of St. Paul's most important Outreach Ministries, and Bruce and I are honored to be a part of it."



Lovejoy School Needs

We are collecting school supplies to help kids start the school year with what they need. The following items are specified for Lovejoy School for the 2017-2018 year. You may bring your contributions to church through the first couple of weeks in September and place them in the tub marked "School Supplies" near the elevator.

Among the items needed are:

- Boxes of Kleenex
- Pocket folders with brads
- Pocket folders WITHOUT brads
- Reams of white paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Packs of 12 pre-sharpened pencils
- Glue sticks
- Ear buds
- Boxes of gallon-size
- Ziploc bags
- Dry-erase markers
- 24-pack boxes of Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Classic Colors markers
- Bottles of hand sanitizer
- Scissors
- Packages of sticky notes
- Packages of Clorox wipes



For more details, please see the list on the bulletin board near the elevator.

TEXTTOGIVE

St. Paul's Offers Text Giving!

We have added text giving to our online giving account, and you can automatically give by texting the amount you wish to donate to this number: 515-207-8133.



Safe and Secure Online Giving Now Available!

We now offer safe and secure online giving on our website by scanning the QR Code printed on the right. Credit and debit cards are accepted. You can set up an account or quick give. An account allows you to set up a donation schedule and/or track your donations. Quick giving allows you to bypass this step. You may choose to give to our general budget, to the Cathedral Preservation Fund, or Cathedral Arts.

NEXT ISSUE

The Journey is published 11 times a year, usually on the third Thursday of the month to reach homes by the first of the following month. Your articles, news, photos are welcome!!

The deadline for the November issue will be Thursday, October 19.

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